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Dear Parishioners and Fellow Christians,
Rejoice! Give Thanks! Thank you!
Dear Festival '93 Worker, Contributor, and Organizer,

The Festival was a success through your efforts and through the faith you have. We took the fruits of our church experience and brought them to the rear lot of the church where we continued in the expression of joy in the faith we have in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The fellowship and Christian unity expressed during the Festival were something that we shall always remember. Our faith has been renewed in the love we have for one another and for God. This is where the meaning of our success lies. So many people, vendors and participants, have commented to me that they experienced not only a "Greek" festival, but more importantly, a "Church" festival. Many families expressed an interest in joining our community because of the Christian unity they experienced. Let us therefore continue to take advantage of life and express the fruits of faith and love for Christ and one another in our "Church" of St. Basil.

We have matured together in His Holy Spirit. We do not have the need to boast or brag of our achievements. We have chosen instead to acknowledge that God has given us life in abundance and has brought us all together in faith and humility. We are thankful for one another and for our great efforts, for our community and all its fine people.

As your priest, my heart is joyful and full of thanksgiving for you, the faithful. I rejoice with you! I thank the Lord for those of you who donated funds or product, for the planners and the executioners, the cooks, the bakers, the people serving the drinks, the dancers, the servers, the hostesses, the sellers of goods, the cleaners, the dishwashers, the salad makers, the raffle planners and raffle sellers, the donors of the prizes, the accountants; for the children and their parents, the teenagers, the young adults, the middle-aged, and especially for those who are a little further on in life who gave us their "life experience" of themselves totally; for the non-Greek and as well as the Greek, the Orthodox and non-Orthodox, the only distinction, being that we are all givers.....givers of ourselves to God and our neighbors.

May the joy of the Holy Spirit of God be with you forever!

Your friend in Christ,
Rev. Konstantine Mendrinos, Pastor

P.S..... Be thankful in your prayers for an additional eight families who submitted written inquiries to participate in our Refinance Mortgage Reduction Program during our Festival.

Mission Chapel

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600 So. 2 nd. St.
San Jose, CA 95112
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Assistants: Joe Pappas and Angelo Lygizos

(The above advertisement helps defray the postage and paper expenses for St. Basil's bulletins.)

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Our Church School started on Sunday, September 26! Both teachers and students were happy to see old friends and to meet the new ones joining the classes this year. We are very excited about our program this year because we have a fine list of dedicated teachers who will do their best to educate our children about Orthodox Christian teachings. They are:

Preschool--Athena Lofaro, Tulla Kasnestis, and Helen Kyriakopoulos

Lower Grades--Irene Jacob and Vicky Wilson

Middle Grades-- Kathy Atala and Gus Hazifotis

Junior High-- Saad Doss and Iris Nikas

High School--Athena Constantin and Mark Sacoolas

It is vital that parents and the Church School work together to provide our children with the religious education necessary for growth in our faith. Children naturally possess an aptitude for faith; it is a precious gift from God. All of God's people must come to him with the faith and humility of a child. Jesus said, "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it" (Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17). Jesus also issued a warning, "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be thrown to sea" (Mark 9:42). These words should be enough to make the entire congregation take the ministry of the Church School seriously. Parents and Church School staff cannot give faith to children. But together they can nurture and care for the children placed in their hands, sharing their own love and faith with them.

Our Sunday School Platform

*The Sunday school is:
The friend of childhood.
The inspiration of youth.
The strength of middle life.
The comfort of declining years.*

*The Sunday school has:
God's day for its time.
God's house for its place.
God's book for its text.*

*The Sunday school deserves:
The full support,
The prayerful interest,
The loyal cooperation of every member of church.*

YAL CORNER

Hello! First of all, thank you to all Young Adults who helped us in our booths during the Festival. A special thank you goes to the Young Adults from St. Nicholas and Ascension Cathedral for their assistance all three days of the Festival. We had a lot of fun and kept the children entertained.

October will be a busy month for us. Following is a list of events.

Monday, Oct. 4	Potluck	6:30 p.m.	My Place
Friday, Oct. 8	Youth Council	7:30 p.m.	Oakland Church
Saturday, Oct. 9	Great America	??? (You'll be called)	
Saturday, Oct. 16	Car Wash	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Sunnyvale
Saturday, Oct. 30	Halloween Party	??? (Details will be mailed to you)	

Karen Ambus, Secretary

Young Adult League Car Wash Fund Raiser

**Saturday, October 16
10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Corner of Fremont, Mathilda Avenues
Sunnyvale**

BRING US YOUR CARS TO WASH, WASH, WASH!!!!

The Story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

Once upon a time there were four men named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. But Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, and Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody and Nobody did the job that Anybody could have done in the first place. At last report, these four men were still arguing and the job they were supposed to do still wasn't done.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

I hope everyone of you had a great summer.

Many of you ladies spent most of the summer coming to the Church Hall to help make domades, spanakopita, teropeta, and all the sweets for the Festival. All the sweets sold out at the Sweets Booth. According to Despina Constantelos who was in charge of the Sweets Booth, we grossed \$2,700 from Sweets-To-Go.

A big thank you goes to Despina and her daughter Wendy for a great job done.

The Church office has sent thank you letters to the ones who helped to make this year's Festival a success.

But I wish personally to thank from the bottom of my heart all the ladies who with great enthusiasm came every day to help me. It was a great satisfaction to work with you ladies. Through your efforts and hard work we accomplished a job well done.

God bless you all. Our first meeting will be October 5 at Georgia Photopoulos' house at 7 p.m. All Philoptochos ladies are invited.

Aristea Pettis
President

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Sunday, October 24

Please be notified that a General Assembly for members in good standing will take place on Sunday, October 24. According to the Unified Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North & South America and the St. Basil Parish Regulations, this General Assembly represents the second of two General Assemblies to be called in 1993. Our first General Assembly was held Sunday, June 13. According to the same above-mentioned Regulations, only those who have pledged and are current with their pledge will be eligible to vote.

Agendas will be mailed to all members' homes during the first week of October.

Congratulations

to

Dennis and Olga Stavropoulos

*On the Birth
of Their Son*

DEAN

Born July 27, 1993

OCTOBER CALENDAR AND EVENTS

October 3, Sunday

Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 4, Monday

YAL Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 5, Tuesday

Philoptochos Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 6, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

October 7, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

October 8, Friday

Youth Council Meeting
Oakland Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

October 9, Saturday

YAL Day, Great America

October 10, Sunday

Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 11, Monday

COLUMBUS DAY
Church Office Closed

October 13, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Vesper Preparation Class, 7 p.m.

October 14, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

October 15-17, Fri.-Sun.

PHILOPTOCHOS RETREAT
ST. NICHOLAS RANCH

October 17, Sunday

Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 18, Monday

LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 20, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Vesper Preparation Class, 7 p.m.

October 21, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

October 23, Saturday

APOSTLE IAKOVOS,
BROTHER OF THE LORD
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 24, Sunday

Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

October 26, Tuesday

ST. DEMETRIOS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

October 27, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Vesper Preparation Class, 7 p.m.

October 28, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

October 29, Saturday

SILENT RETREAT, OAKLAND

October 31, Sunday

Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS MADE DONATIONS TO OUR GREEK FESTIVAL. WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THEM ALL FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FESTIVAL.

*Tom and Despina Anagnostos
Stella Anthony
Charlie and Merriam Bougopoulos
Cleo and Athena Constantin
Gus and Pamela Hazifotis
Jerry's Refrigeration Service
Demetrius and Bella Kourtides
John and Stephanie Krieger
George and Nikki Kyrias
Hannah and Ninos Nijmeh
Redwood City Firefighters Association
Sunnyvale Cattleman's Restaurant
Dennis Thomatos*

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE!!!!

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!!

Once again, Entertainment Books are available for you to purchase for discounts to movies, restaurants, airlines, amusement parks, etc. Our Church is selling these Entertainment Books for \$40.

Our Young Adult League is also selling the Gold Circle young adult version for \$10. Discounts coupons are geared to teenagers and young adults.

Look for our displays in the Church Hall and on Sundays during coffee hour.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2nd SUNDAY OF LUKE KYPIAKH B ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 3	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph 4:25-32 Gospel: Lk 6:24-30 YAL Pot Luck Sup. 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. 4	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph. 5:20-25 Gospel: Lk. 6:37-45 Philoptochos Meeting, 7 p.m. 5	Bible Study Daily Epistle: Gospel: Apostle Th Kendea
3rd SUNDAY OF LUKE KYPIAKH Γ ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: 2 Cor. 9:9-11 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 10	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY Daily Reading Gospel: Lk 7:11-16 11	Commemoration of the Criminal who believed at the Crucifixion. Daily Readings Epistle: Phil 1:8-14 Gospel: Lk. 8:1-8 12	Bible Study Daily Gospel: Vesper Ps D. 1st Lecture
HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th COUNCIL Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Tit 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:4-15 17	LUKE THE EVANGELIST ΛΟΥΚΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΟΥ Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m. Gospel: Lk 10:16-21 18	Daily Readings Epistle: Acts 2:14-21 Gospel: Lk 9:23-27 Joel the Prophet Sadoth & His 120 Friends 19	Bible Study Daily Gospel: Vesper Ps D. 2nd Lecture
6th SUNDAY OF LUKE KYPIAKH ΣΤ ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 24	Daily Readings Epistle: Phil 4:10-23 Gospel: Lk 10:22-24 Martyrs: Markianos & Martyrios the Notaries 25	ST. DEMETRIOS ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΜΥΡΟΒΑΗΤΟΥ Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m. Gospel: Jn 15:17-16:2 Bible Study 10:30 am 26	Daily Epistle: Gospel: Vesper Ps D. 3rd Lecture
5th SUNDAY OF LUKE KYPIAKH Ε ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Gal 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 31			

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Daily Readings Epistle: Acts 9:10-18 Gospel: Lk 6:17-23 Holy Protection of The Theotokos; Apostle Ananias of the 70 1	Daily Readings Epistle: 1 Tim 1:12-17 Gospel: Lk 5:17-26 Holy Martyr Kyprianos & Virgin Martyr Justine, Neomartyr George +1794 2
10:30 a.m. Readings Cor 4:9-16 Mt 20:19-31 as of the 12 Erotheis 6	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph 5:33-6:9 Gospel: Lk 7:17-30 <u>Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.</u> Sergios & Bacchus the Great Martyrs 7	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph 6:18-24 Gospel: Lk 7:31-35 Virgin Martyr Pelagia <u>Youth Council Meeting</u> <u>Oakland 7:30 p.m.</u> 8	<u>YAL DAY: Great</u> <u>America</u> Daily Readings Epistle: 1Cor. 15:39-45 Gospel: Mt. 9:36-10:8 9
10:30 a.m. Reading Mt 7:12-21 <u>Class 7:00</u> on Icons 13	Daily Readings Epistle: Phil 1:20-27 Gospel: Lk 9:7-11 <u>Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.</u> Priest's Meeting: Holy Trinity 14	Daily Readings Epistle: Phil 1:27-2:4 Gospel: Lk. 9:12-18 <u>Philoptochos Retreat at</u> <u>St. Nicholas Ranch</u> Loukianos the Presbyter 15	Daily Readings Epistle: 1 Cor 15:58-16:3 Gospel: Mt. 27:33-54 Longinus the Centurian & Companions, Dometios & Leontios 16
10:30 a.m. Reading Mt 9:44-50 <u>Class 7:00</u> on Icons 20	Daily Readings Epistle: 2Cor. 9:6-11 Gospel: Lk. 9:49-56 <u>Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.</u> Hilarion the Great, Christodoulos of Patmos, 21	Daily Readings Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Lk 10:1-15 Averkos Bishop, 7 Children of Ephesus Glykeria, & Theodota 22	APOSTLE IAKOVOS, BROTHER OF THE LORD ΙΑΚΩΒΟΥ ΑΔΕΛΦΟΘΕΟΥ Div. Lit.9:30 a.m. Matthew 13:54-59 23
10:30 a.m. Reading Mt 11:18-23 Lk 11:9-13 <u>Class 7:00</u> on Icons 27	Daily Readings Epistle: Heb. 9:1-7 Gosp: Lk 10:38-42;11:27-28 <u>Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.</u> Athanasios, Patriarch of Constantinople 28	Daily Readings Epistle: Col. 2:1-7 Gospel: Lk. 11:23-26 Anastasia of Rome Avramios & Maria 29	<u>SILENT RETREAT:</u> <u>OAKLAND</u> Daily Readings Epistle: 2 Cor. 3:12-18 Gospel: Lk 8:16-21 30



ST. BASIL'S ORGANIZATIONS

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Greek School Principal

Dennis Stavropoulos

Philoptochos President

Aristea Pettis

Stewardship Co-Chairpersons

John and Iris Nikas

Young Adult League President

Sam Fotopoulos

Middle Eastern Festival

St. John's Orthodox Church, of Orinda, will host a Middle Eastern Festival on October 9 and 10 at the Orinda Community Center. Beautiful ethnic music will be heard, and authentic musicians and dancers will entertain. Attendees will enjoy a wide variety of Middle Eastern delicacies, from delicious salads and main courses to exotic desserts and a wine tasting. For more information, please call the Church at (510) 939-4255.

Philoptochos Retreat At The Ranch

The Philoptochos of the Diocese of San Francisco Presents The Fourth Annual Retreat for Women at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center October 15-17. Your retreat master is Fr. John Bakas. The theme is "Seven Habits of Highly Spiritual People." The cost is \$115/person. Pick up a registration form in the Church Hall.

Prophet Elias Anniversary Banquet

Join Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church for its Anniversary Banquet on Sunday, October 24. This year's banquet will honor Presbyteria Anastasia Karastamatsis. The banquet will take place at Zorba's Restaurant here in San Jose and will feature a souvlaki dinner and Greek music and dancing. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. with a no-host social hour and dinner at 7 p.m. The donation is \$30. Please call Zorba's at 293-7170 or Elaine Brackett at 735-2940 for information.

Orthodox Women's Meetings

Presbyteria Joan Rhodes, of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Saratoga, is organizing bi-monthly meetings with Orthodox women. Topics are of current interest to all Orthodox women. For more information, call her at 226-8315.

Tribute to John Efstathiou

The Dorian Singers will present a very special concert in memory of John Efstathiou on Sunday, November 14, at 4 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont. John was a dedicated church musician as choir director, member, and president of the Choir Federation. He was also the lead singer of the Dorian Singers. Dr. Tikey Zes will direct. For ticket information, call 723-0640.

Belmont Charity Ball

The Philoptochos of the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, invites you and your friends to its fourth annual Charity Ball on Saturday, November 6, at the Hyatt Regency, Burlingame. Included in the gala evening will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and an elegant dinner followed by dancing to both American and Greek music. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Holy Cross Benevolence Fund and other Philoptochos charities. A donation of \$85 a person is requested and black tie is optional. For information, call Theo Hegis at (415) 324-0835.

IOCC Event

The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) presents "Remembering Home," an evening of folk music and dancing celebrating our Orthodox Homelands on Saturday, November 6, at Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Oakland. A Vespers Service will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$37.50 per person. The evening includes Serbian, Russian, Arabic, and Greek dancing and Balalaika music.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

On Sunday, September 19, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Samios baptized their son, Constantine III.

On Sunday, October 10, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Athans will baptise their daughter, Gina Panagiota.

May they walk in the path of righteousness forever!

WEDDINGS

On Sunday, September 26, Georgia Alevizos and John Ross were joined in holy matrimony.

May God grant everything pleasing to them!

On The Meaning Of Baptism

Everyone who has been baptized in an Orthodox manner has received secretly the fullness of grace; and if he then goes on to perform the commandments, he will become consciously aware of this grace within him. However, far a man may advance in faith, however great the blessings that he attains, he never discovers, nor can he ever discover, anything more than what he has already secretly received through Baptism. Christ, being perfect God, bestows upon the baptized the perfect grace of the Spirit. We for our part cannot possibly add to that grace, but it is revealed and manifests itself to us increasingly, in proportion to our fulfillment of the commandments. Whatever, then, we offer to him after our regeneration, was already within us and came originally from him.

St. Mark The Monk

**Treasurer's Report
Cash Flow
Through August 31, 1993**

	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>NET</u>
Beginning Balance 01/01/93	10,438		10,438
First Quarter 1993	31,507	38,483	<u>(6,976)</u>
Ending Balance First Quarter			3,462
Second Quarter 1993	30,050	35,697	<u>(5,647)</u>
Ending Balance Second Quarter			(2,185)
July 1993	6,069	12,196	(6,127)
August 1993	<u>10,940</u>	<u>20,582</u>	<u>(9,642)</u>
Ending Balance August 1993	89,004	106,958	(17,954)

(Details are posted on the Church Hall bulletin board.)

AUDIT OF 1992 CHURCH BOOKS

We the duly elected Audit Committee of Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church, for the year 1992, hereby find the 1992 books in order and accurately reflect the transactions that occurred in that year.

Connie Issichopoulos
Iris Nikas

Canon #64 of the Holy Apostles

If any cleric be found fasting on Sunday or on Saturday, with the exception of one only, let him be deposed from office. If, however, he is a layman, let him be excommunicated.

ATTACKING THE BIBLE

Attempts to destroy the Bible have always been a part of this remarkable book's history. In 303 A.D., for instance, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy all Christians and their Bible. The persecution that followed as a result of this edict was one of the most brutal in Roman history. Toward its end Diocletian ordered a monument to be erected and on it had these triumphant words inscribed, "The name Christian is extinguished." Twenty-five years later, however, Diocletian was dead, his successor Constantine had legalized Christianity and had ordered Bibles prepared at government expense.

In 1776, Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced that, "One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible on earth except one that looked upon by an antiquarian curiosity-seeker." Yet, one hundred years later his very own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. Ironically enough, at a public auction held one hundred years to the day of Voltaire's prediction, the first edition of his work sold for 11 cents but a Bible manuscript was purchased for over half a million dollars!

Modern times are no different. In spite of fierce attacks by secular philosophies and totalitarian governments, more Bibles have been printed in more languages than any other book in each year of the 20th century.

The reason for this success is simple; the Bible is true, and truth has the capacity to change lives and to transform people. In spite of its great power, however, the only time a Bible can be defeated is when it remains unopened and unread—then it is powerless. Is this what we have done to the Bible in our homes?

Rev. Andrew Demotse
Orthodox Life, Peabody, MA

Patristic Wisdom

For Christians cannot be distinguished from the rest of the human race by country or language or customs. They do not live in cities of their own; they do not use a peculiar form of speech; they do not follow an eccentric manner of life. Yet, they live in their own countries, but only as aliens. They have a share in everything as citizens, and endure everything as foreigners. Every foreign land is their fatherland, and yet for them every fatherland is a foreign land.... They busy themselves on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the established laws, but in their own lives they go far beyond what the laws require.... To put it simply: What the soul is in the body, that Christians are in the world. The soul is dispersed through all the members of the body, and Christians are scattered through all the cities of the world. The soul dwells in the body, but does not belong to the body, and Christians dwell in the world, but do not belong to the world.

Epistle to Diognetus (ca. A.D. 150)

Prosforo Making Schedule

October 3	Aristea Pettis
October 10	Nitsa Sialaris
October 17	Athanasia Alevizos
October 24	Despina Anagnostos
October 31	Voula Efstratiou



Duty Team Schedule

October 3	Charlie Bougopoulos Ivy Daley Mark Daley
October 10	Dessie Constantelos George Kyrias John Kasnestis
October 17	John Nikas Mark Judge Greg Krantz
October 24	George Pettis Dennis Thomatos John Monolakis
October 31	Gust Fotis Saad Doss Maria Anagnostos

Altar Boy Schedule

Oct. 3/24	Mike Bolaris* Danny Kelepouris Pete Kelepouris	Oct. 17	Chris Karanastasis* Soterios Karanastasis Peter Krekos Nick Tsigaris
Oct. 10/31	Christian Sacoolas* Angelo Lanham Justin Sacoolas		

*Captains, all Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:20 a.m.

George Galas and Ninos Oshaana, Coordinators

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Dear Parishioners & Fellow Orthodox Christians,

There was once a young mother, Anna, who decided to invite her extended family for Thanksgiving dinner. She had a difficult time thinking about how to accommodate so many people in her tiny home. She was also troubled about inviting her younger brother, John, who always was ill mannered and unkempt with his long oily hair which he never seemed to wash. She also was concerned about her Aunt Maria who did not get along with her mother. And then there was Kosta, the intellect, who always tried to impress everyone with his knowledge. She was troubled and sought advice from her very wise great Aunt. "How could I invite all these people when I know that they will be disruptive and probably ruin everyone else's Thanksgiving?" Her great Aunt replied, "Glorify God in all things and He shall reward you. Proceed as your heart tells you in prayer and respect everyone for they are on their own private road to knowing God."

Anna did not understand how God, in His busy schedule, would have time to listen to her prayer. She went on her business of shopping, cleaning, and preparing and thought about the words her great Aunt spoke. She slowly began glorifying God in every task and asked Him for strength. Soon she experienced God's comfort simply by acknowledging Him. She felt His presence and guiding spirit.

Thanksgiving morning arrived and she was nervous. So she decided to say a little prayer asking God for His continued blessings. Everyone slowly arrived, her brother John with his long unkempt hair, Maria who always seemed to shout rather than talk calmly, and Kosta who assumed that there would be enough room for an uninvited guest. She was surprised that everyone was getting along so well. Even Aunt (Thia) Maria hugged her mother who was overjoyed and surprised. After exchanging greetings and communicating about various interesting and sometimes mundane events in each of their lives, Anna invited everyone into the dining room for Thanksgiving dinner. She looked around and silently praised God. "This is a good opportunity to praise God together and offer a Thanksgiving prayer," she thought.

She invited everyone to stand around the table and hold hands. They recited the Lord's prayer and then each person was asked to offer thanks to God on a personal basis. She rejoiced when she heard her Aunt Maria thank God for her sister's devotion and love! Kosta thanked God for the simple things in life. Everyone was overjoyed when John mentioned that the most important thing in his life was his family and God.

So you see, her great Aunt had wisdom. For Anna's prayers were answered and her demeanor and pleasant ways greeted everyone to the presence of God in her life.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone from our entire Parish Council & Presbyteria Roxanne.

+Fr. Dean

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my Parish Family,

The festival is behind us and the New Year is rapidly approaching. A new budget was proposed at the Parish Assembly with recommendations for many new special events. These events were primarily chosen because they draw from the community as a mass and not just our Church-going community. The hope here is to have a broader base to solicit to and hopefully increase our revenue. As expenses increase and facilities are needed for our children, it is necessary to find ways to increase our income. We can do this through increased pledges, increased membership, and increased special events. These all require "all" of us to get involved and to support these efforts not only financially but with hard work.

The Mortgage Reduction Program has been going very well. Please continue to support the program and tell your friends and family. With your support we can pay off the mortgage!!!

The refinancing of the Church should be completed within the next few weeks. Through the efforts of the Mortgage Reduction Program and the application of our C.D. donation we should be able to reduce our present mortgage of approximately \$375,000 to less than \$320,000.

As always, if you have any questions as to the status of the affairs at Church, please contact myself, a Parish Council Member, Father Dean, or submit them in writing in the Communications Box. Please sign all correspondence submitted through the Communications Box.

George D. Pettis

Orthodox Women's Meetings

Presbytera Joan Rhodes, of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Saratoga, is organizing bi-monthly meetings with Orthodox women. Topics are of current interest to all Orthodox women. For more information, call her at 226-8315.

Tribute to John Efstathiou

The Dorian Singers will present a very special concert in memory of John Efstathiou on Sunday, November 14, at 4 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont. John was a dedicated church musician as choir director, member, and president of the Choir Federation. He was also the lead singer of the Dorian Singers. Dr. Tikey Zes will direct. For ticket information, call 723-0640.

Belmont Charity Ball

The Philoptochos of the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, invites you and your friends to its fourth annual Charity Ball on Saturday, November 6, at the Hyatt Regency, Burlingame. Included in the gala evening will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and an elegant dinner followed by dancing to both American and Greek music. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Holy Cross Benevolence Fund and other Philoptochos charities. A donation of \$85 a person is requested and black tie is optional. For information, call Theo Hegis at (415) 324-0835.

IOCC Event

The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) presents "Remembering Home," an evening of folk music and dancing celebrating our Orthodox Homelands on Saturday, November 6, at Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Oakland. A Vespers Service will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$37.50 per person. The evening includes Serbian, Russian, Arabic, and Greek dancing and Balalaika music.

AHEPA Awards Night

The Order of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope present Past Presidents and Membership Awards Night on Saturday, November 6, at the Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian Avenue. This year's honorees are Angelo Lygizos and Vana Katsoudas, past presidents. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with no-host cocktails; dinner is at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25/person for a complete dinner and wine. Call Mary Hontalas at (408) 249-3896 for more information.

Hellenic College Conference

Hellenic College and the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion present the eighth annual National Conference from November 3-7. This year's theme is "PERSONHOOD: Deepening the Connections Between Body, Mind, and Soul." Keynote speakers are Bishop Kallistos Ware and Christos Yannaras. The conference will be held at the Hellenic College/Holy Cross campus in Brookline, Massachusetts. The conference is open to the public. See the flyer posted in the Church Hall or call (617) 731-3500, extension 250, for more information regarding the conference.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to **Elias and Maureen Psycharis** for donating "livani" in the memory of **Elias' mother**. We at St. Basil's are very much appreciative of your kindness. May her memory be eternal.

Fr. Dean



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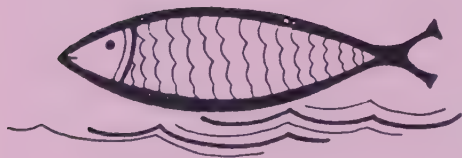
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Ivy Phirippidis-Daley
Mark Daley

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George Kyrias
John Kasnestis

November 28 John Nikas
Mark Judge
Greg Krantz

Altar Boy Schedule

Nov. 7/28 Chris Karanastasis*
Soterios Karanastasis
Peter Krekos
Nick Tsigaris

Nov. 14 Mike Bolaris*
Pete Kelepouris
Danny Kelepouris

Nov. 21 Christian Sacoolas*
Angelo Lanham
Justin Sacoolas

*Captains, all Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:20 a.m.

George Galas and Ninos Oshaana, Coordinators

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

On Sunday, October 10, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Athans baptized their daughter, Gina Panagiota.

On Wednesday, November 17, Mark Angelopoulos will be baptized. Proud parents are Terry Starnes and Jim Angelopoulos.

May they walk in the path of righteousness forever!

WEDDINGS

On Sunday, October 17, Mark and Vicky Karkazis were joined in holy matrimony.

May God grant everything pleasing to them!

MEMORIALS

On Sunday, October 31, a 40-day Memorial Service was held for Virginia Angelopoulou.

May her memory be eternal!

Religion's Role in Pupil's Good Grades

By Alan Bash

USA TODAY

Religious students with strong family support are the most likely to succeed in school, a new USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup poll shows.

The poll of 803 teens, ages 13-17, explores the factors that contribute to happiness and high marks.

Those who said their religion was "very important"--more than half the students polled--were more likely than those who said "not too important" to care about good grades, earn mostly A's and enjoy school.

Much of the link between religion and achievement, however, is indirect, experts say.

"The more religious parents are, the more likely they are to provide a family support system," says David Moore, Gallup vice president.

Another related factor: The most successful students were also those most likely to eat dinner regularly with the whole family.

The study has a 4% margin of error.

People Are Gifts

People are gifts which God sends to me **WRAPPED**. Some are wrapped very beautifully. They are very attractive when I first see them. Some come in very ordinary paper. Others have been mishandled in the mail. Once in a while there is a special delivery. Some people are gifts which come very loosely wrapped, others very tightly. But the wrapping is not the gift. It's so easy to make this mistake. It's funny when babies do it. Sometimes the gift is very easy to open. Sometimes I need others to help. Is it because they are afraid? Does it hurt? Maybe they have been opened up before and thrown away. Could it be that the gift is not for me? I am a person. Therefore, I am a gift too. A gift to myself first of all. Have I really looked inside my wrappings? Afraid to? Maybe I have never accepted the gift that I am. Could it be that there is something else inside the wrappings than what I think there is? Maybe I've never seen the wonderful gift that I am. Could anything of God be anything but beautiful? I love the gifts which those who love me send me. Why not this gift from God? And I am a gift to other people. Am I willing to be given to others? A person for others? Do others have to be content with the wrappings? Never permitted to enjoy the gift? Looking at it this way, every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts.

YAL CORNER

Can you believe it's already November? Before we know it the blessings of the Christmas season will be upon us.

We had an exciting October! We had a potluck, a day at Great America that was attended by 20 people, a Bay Area Youth Council meeting, and a successful fund raising car wash. **Thank you to all who helped at our car wash! We especially thank George and Margo Nitis who let us use their auto shop yard for our car wash. We appreciate their kindness!**

Our Halloween party was a lot of fun! Thank you to our hostess Lily Galas for opening her home to us.

We will have a short coffee hour on Monday, November 8, at 7 p.m., at St. Nicholas. This is not a potluck; it is simply an FYI session to let you know about all the events coming up. Please join us. We will be packaging food for the homeless at the Second Harvest Food Bank off the Almaden Expressway on Wednesday, November 10, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us. If you can't make it next Wednesday night, you may go there on Thursday, November 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to package food.

December will be a busy month for us!! We are going to be feeding the homeless on Sunday, December 5; you will be called to help. There will be a YAL Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch from Friday, December 3, to Sunday, December 5. Our potluck will be Monday, December 13. We will be Christmas carolling the first part of December at local hospitals. The next Bay Area Youth Council meeting will be Saturday, December 11, at Oakland Cathedral. Also, there will be a YAL Christmas Party with His Grace Bishop Anthony at the Diocese House in San Francisco on Saturday, December 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

Details about November and upcoming December events will be mailed to your homes shortly. Thanks!!!!

Karen Ambus, Secretary

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AGAPE DINNER DANCE

Sunday, December 12

Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

No-Host Cocktails: 4:30 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Donation: \$55/Adult \$30/Children Under 12

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		ELECTION DAY	BIBLE STUDY 10:30 a.m. 1 VESPER PRAYERS 7:00 LECTURE 8:00 ICONOGRAPHY 8:00
7th SUNDAY OF LUKE ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ζ ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Gal 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 P.M.	NEKTARIOY ΠΕΝΤΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ ST. NECTARIOS BISHOP OF PENTAPOLIS Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 10:30 a.m. 9	VESPER PRAYERS CLASSICAL LECTURE ICONOGRAPHY 8:00
8th SUNDAY OF LUKE ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Η ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 8:26-39 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 14	ADVENT CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS ΑΡΧΕΤΑΙ Η ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ	ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΟΥ ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 10:30 16	VESPER PRAYERS CLASSICAL LECTURE ICONOGRAPHY 8:00
PRESENTATION OF THEOTOKOS IN TEMPLE ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Hebr. 9:1-7 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 21			THANKSGIVING LITURGY 7:30 Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
13th SUNDAY OF LUKE ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΙΓ ΛΟΥΚΑ Discipleship 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Eph. 4:1-7 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27 28		ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ ΠΡΩΤΟΚΛΗΤΟΥ ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. BIBLE STUDY 10:30 30	

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
STUDY 7:00 A.M. Preparation Class 7:00 p.m. SERIES #4 GRAPHY 7:00 P.M. 3	CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:30 P.M. 4	5	GREEK SCHOOL & DANCING 9:00 A.M. 6
PREPARATION 7:00 P.M. SERIES #5 GRAPHY 7:00 P.M. 10	VETERANS DAY CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:30 P.M. 11	12	GREEK SCHOOL & DANCING 9:00 A.M. 13
PREPARATION 7:00 P.M. SERIES #6 GRAPHY 7:00 P.M. 17	CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:30 P.M. 18	19	GREEK SCHOOL & DANCING 9:00 A.M. 20
LIVING EVE 7:00 P.M. Preparation of Katherine 24	THANKSGIVING DAY (Office Closed) 25	26	(THANKSGIVING RECESS NO GREEK SCHOOL) 27

**Treasurer's Report
Cash Flow
Through September 30, 1993**

	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>NET</u>
Beginning Balance 01/01/93	10,438		10,438
First Quarter 1993	31,507	38,483	(6,976)
Ending Balance First Quarter			3,462
Second Quarter 1993	30,050	35,697	(5,647)
Ending Balance Second Quarter			(2,185)
Third Quarter 1993	<u>73,087</u>	<u>61,942</u>	<u>11,145</u>
Ending Balance Third Quarter	145,082	136,122	8,960

(Details are posted on the Church Hall bulletin board.)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21, 1993

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

St. Basil Community Christmas Card

Be a part of St. Basil's Community Christmas Card this year! Fill out the form below and mail it in or pick up a form in the Church Hall on Sunday.



Let Us Rejoice, Christ is born!

Please include our (my) name in the St. Basil Community Christmas Card. Enclosed is my check for ten dollars (\$10). The name is to be printed as follows:

Please make check payable to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church. Send it along with this form to:

*St. Basil Christmas Card
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
6430 Bose Lane
San Jose, CA 95120*

Deadline Date: December 12, 1993

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Please note that our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 5, at the Three Flames. Please contact Georgia Photopoulos at 227-6567 for more information. All parishioners are invited to this event. Last year 89 people attended. I am sure with your support it will be just as successful this year. A flyer is included in this bulletin with more details. The Philoptochos Ladies will have a bake sale and Christmas boutique on Sunday, December 12, in the Church Hall following services. Christmas is a special time of the year when we think of other less fortunate people. So, this year the Ladies are collecting toys for children. Please bring a toy to Church on Sundays. There is a basket in the Church Hall to put the toys in.

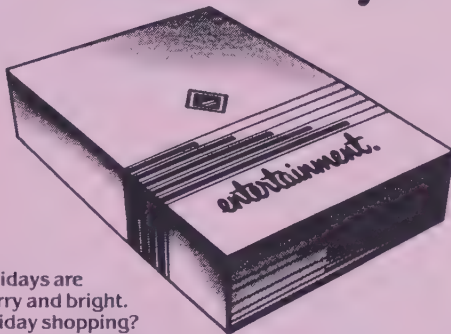
Last year with your support we sent tons of clothing and food to the Russian people. We can't thank you enough for putting a smile on the faces of those in need.

May our Lord bless you and yours abundantly as we gather to give thanks this Thanksgiving Day.

P.S. We need a volunteer to deliver food to the homeless. Please call Aristeia Pettis for details at 268-0645.

Aristeia Pettis, President

It's Like Giving Over 1000 Gift Certificates For The Holidays.



Holidays are merry and bright. Holiday shopping? Now, that's another story. Pushy, long lines. Indecision. It's enough to give anyone a headache. This year don't get discouraged. Give the Entertainment* book instead. With over 1,000 two-for-one and 50% off discounts for the very best in dining, movies, sports, hotels and more, it's the perfect gift for everyone. Which means easy, one-stop shopping for you. Entertainment* — the one-size-fits-all holiday gift.

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(408) 293-0073



Assistants: Joe Pappas and Angelo Lygizos

(The above advertisement helps defray the postage and paper expenses for St. Basil's bulletins.)

Following is a letter written to the parents of our Greek School participants. If you are interested in Greek School, please contact the Church Office or Dennis Stavropoulos at 378-8723. There's still room in this worthwhile activity!!!

GREEK SCHOOL CLUB

The 1992-93 school year just began and I am excited. We have new students as well as all of last year's children. New and old friendships are building up among the students and it is wonderful. My teaching staff and I welcome you to Saint Basil Greek School Club. We promise fun and challenge.

The school's objective is to train children to think, work their minds, enhance their skills, and teach the Greek language and culture within Orthodox Christianity. Our world is evolving rapidly and demands from each one of us more skills and more knowledge. We are a school. Our subject is different from the "public/private schools." We teach skills, confidence, knowledge, self-expression, a language, a culture, a religion; we build personalities and provide tools necessary to meet future challenges. Those attributes are very important to a child. In our complex and overcommunicated society we need more skills and knowledge and have to try harder to win.

The parents who provide the means and make this program available to their children are the heroes. I believe that you have made an excellent choice by selecting a school among other available activities and I congratulate you on your decision. You chose to **invest** in your child's education, and I am confident that you are going to get a higher return on your investment. **Education is the area in which to invest.** It is the best alternative that historically has outperformed all other forms of investment.

The teachers are qualified and willing to help on an individual basis. Give them a call. Encourage your children to call them when they have questions. It is your children's education, and it is important to spend some time with them to monitor their progress. Please if you have any comments and suggestions, feel free to talk with me. I would welcome your comments, suggestions, and opinions.

I would like to introduce to you our new teachers, Peggy Cornelison and the Efstratiou sisters. Peggy brings to us many years of teaching experience in the Greek language; the Efstratiou sisters have the experience of a participant in dance competition and teaching. The Efstratiou sisters offer their volunteer services every Saturday, and I would like to extend my thanks to them.

The teachers and I are believers in what we are doing. Working together we can provide better skills and tools to our children necessary to win in this society. I thank you for your time.

Dennis Stavropoulos
Principal

NOVEMBER CALENDAR AND EVENTS

November 2, Tuesday
ELECTION DAY

November 3, Wednesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Vesper Preparation Class, 7:00 p.m.

November 4, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

November 6, Saturday
Greek School, 9:00 a.m.

November 7, Sunday
Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
COUNCIL ELECTIONS

November 8, Monday
Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 9, Tuesday
ST. NECTARIOS
BISHOP OF PENTAPOLIS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

November 10, Wednesday
Vesper Preparation Class, 7:00 p.m.

November 11, Thursday
VETERAN'S DAY
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

November 13, Saturday
Greek School, 9:00 a.m.

November 14, Sunday
Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

November 15, Monday
ADVENT
CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS

November 16, Tuesday
ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

November 17, Wednesday
Vesper Preparation Class, 7:00 p.m.

November 18, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

November 20, Saturday
Greek School, 9:00 a.m.

November 21, Sunday
Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

November 24, Wednesday
THANKSGIVING EVE
Divine Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.

November 25, Thursday
THANKSGIVING DAY
Church Office Closed

November 28, Sunday
Discipleship, 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

November 30, Tuesday
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

The Universal Melody and Us

I don't know if you ever had the opportunity to see a deaf person talk with his/her hands. They have the ability to use their fingers to spell out words. Inside their hearts, with their golden hands, they sing together along with the church.

Years ago, there used to be a kid, Antonio. He wasn't able to play music, nor sing. One day, Antonio begged some musician to teach him how to play the violin.

"Come on and start," the musician told him. "And if you still don't know music, you will help the others at least to produce their music for the universe."

That's all the encouragement that Antonio Stradivarius needed. The violins, which he slowly started playing, made him famous. He put his heart in every song he played, and it seemed as if his skillful talent could be seen through a melody with every violin that he played with his hands.

It doesn't make any difference if you play, write, color, or waste the music that is inside of you. The important thing is we need to make room inside of us for everyone's music in the world. Some play the violin or another musical instrument, some sing, some write poems, some are artists, some sculptors, and others cultivate the earth. All this is considered music. Everyone sings a song which helps form the melody of the world.

Ἡ παγκόσμια μελωδία καὶ ἡμεῖς *

Δὲν ξεύρω ἂν ἔτυχε νὰ ἰδῇτε κωφολάλους νὰ ψάλλουν μὲ τὰ χέρια των! Μεταχειρίζονται τὰ εὐκίνητα δάκτυλά των διὰ νὰ συλλαβίζουν τὰ λόγια τῶν ὕμνων. Μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν καρδιά των, μὲ τὴν χρῆσιν τῶν χειρῶν, ψάλλουν μαζὺ μὲ ὅλο τὸ ἄλλο ἐκκλησιασμα.

Πρὸ χρόνια ὑπῆρχε κάποιον παιδί, ὁ Ἀντώνιος. Δὲν ἤμπορούσε οὔτε νὰ παίξῃ μουσικὴ, οὔτε νὰ τραγουδῇ. Μιὰν ἡμέραν ὁ Ἀντώνιος παρεκάλεσε κάποιον τεχνίτην νὰ τοῦ μάθῃ νὰ κάμνῃ θιολιά.

«Ἐλα καὶ ἄρχισε,» τοῦ εἶπε ὁ τεχνίτης. «Καὶ ἐὰν ἀκόμη δὲν ξεύρῃς μουσικὴν, θὰ βοηθῇς τοῦλάχιστον τοὺς ἄλλους νὰ παράγουν τὴν Μουσικὴν ποὺ εἶναι εἰς τὸ σῶμα.»

Αὐτὸ μόνο ἦτο ἡ ἐνθάρρυνσις ποὺ ἤθελε ὁ Antonio Stradivarius. Τὰ θιολιά, ποὺ σιγὰ-σιγὰ ἤρχισε νὰ κάμνῃ, ἔγιναν φημισμένα διὰ τὸν θαυμάσιον τόνον των. Ἔβαζε τὴν καρδίαν του εἰς τὸ ἔργον του καὶ τὸ ἐπιτήδειο μαχαίρι του ἐφαίνετο ὡς νὰ ἐχάρασσε μιὰν μουσικὴν μελωδίαν εἰς κάθε θιολί ποὺ ἔβγαине ἀπὸ τὰ χέρια του.

Δὲν ἔχει μεγάλην σημασίαν ἐὰν παίζωμε ἢ γράφωμε ἢ ζωγραφίζωμε ἢ χαράσσωμε τὴν μουσικὴν ποὺ εἶναι μέσα μας. Τὸ σπουδαῖον εἶναι ἡ μουσικὴ ποὺ εἶναι μέσα εἰς κάθε ἄνθρωπον νὰ γίνεταί μέρος τῆς μουσικῆς ὅλου τοῦ κόσμου. Μερικοὶ παίζουν θιολί ἢ ἄλλο ὄργανον, μερικοὶ τραγουδοῦν, μερικοὶ γράφουν ποιήματα, μερικοὶ ζωγραφίζουν εἰκόνας, μερικοὶ χαράσσουν ἀγαλμάτια, καὶ ἄλλοι καλλιεργοῦν τὴν γῆν καὶ μεγαλώνουν ἄνθη. Ὅλα αὐτὰ εἶνε μουσικὴ. Ὁ καθένας τραγουδεῖ ἐν τραγουδί ποὺ βοηθεῖ νὰ σχηματισθῇ ἡ μελωδία τοῦ κόσμου.

* Σημ. Ὁ γονεὺς ἢ ἡ Κατεχήτρια ὡς παραδείξῃ τὴν ἱστοριοῦσαν ποὺ θὰ τῆς φανῇ κάπως δύσκολος διὰ τὰ παιδιὰ της.

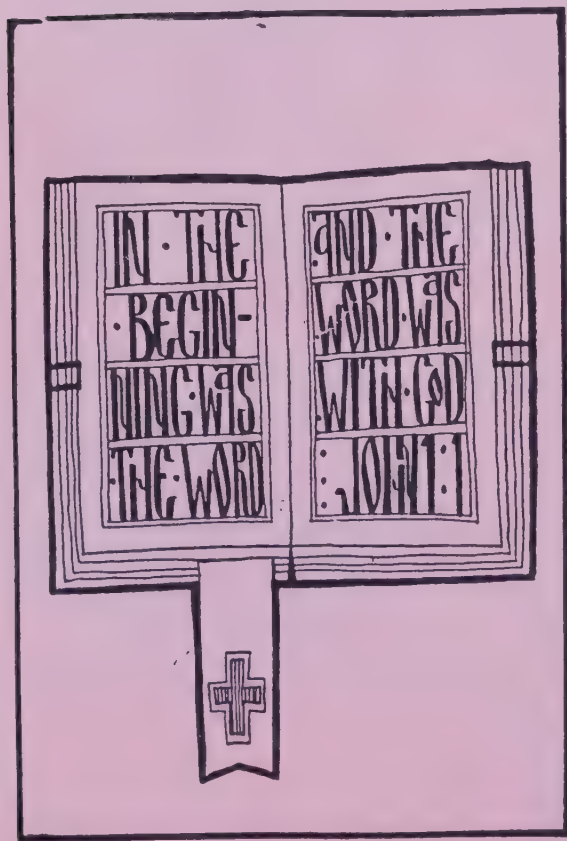
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Prosforo Making Schedule

January 15	Roula Cayavidis
January 22	Vaseleke Kouretas
January 29	Aristea Pettis
February 5	Nitsa Sialaris
February 12	Despina Anagnostos
February 19	Marcella Fotis
February 26	Roula Cayavides



Duty Team Schedule

January 15/ February 19	John Kasnestis Mike Wilson Gust Fotis Maria Anagnostos
January 22/ February 26	Demetri Paraskevopoulos Stephanie Krieger John Krieger
January 29/ February 5	Mark Judge Greg Krantz Bella Kourtides Maria Jacob
February 12	George Pettis Dennis Thomatos John Monolakis George Nitis

Altar Boy Schedule

Jan. 1/29	Bobby Papadatos	Jan. 8	Michael Bolaris
Feb. 26	Brian Pettis	Feb. 5	Greg Fischer Peter Krekos
Jan. 15	Christopher Judge	Jan. 22	Peter Kelepouris
Feb. 12	Sean Judge	Feb. 19	Danny Kelepouris Angelo Lanham
	George Nijmeh		

Coordinators: Ninos Oshaana (266-5854)
& Michael Bolaris (779-0094)
Assistant: Peter Kelepouris

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

On Sunday, December 11, 1994, elections for the Parish Council were held at our Church. Below is a list of the newly elected board members on our Parish Council (two-year term), together with the incumbents remaining for a period of one year.

David Atala--newly elected
George Elliott--newly elected
Gus Hazifotis--incumbent
Mark Judge--re-elected incumbent
Tulla Kasnestis--incumbent
Bella Kourtides--newly elected
Greg Krantz--incumbent
Stephanie Georgias Krieger--incumbent
Demetris Paraskevopoulos--re-elected incumbent
George Pettis--incumbent
Tony Pettis--re-elected incumbent
Michael Wilson--incumbent



DO YOU HAVE SPIRITUAL LIFE? *"My wife is Greek, and I go to her Greek Orthodox church. The Greek Orthodox faith isn't just a religion. It's a heritage; it's a blend of history and ethnicity and a way of thinking. It's very nice. It's important to have that in your life someplace. The most important thing my wife and I get out of it is the sense of extended family, the connection with the grandparents, cousins and nieces. It broadens the whole foundation of the family."*

Academy Award winner Tom Hanks
in a recent USA Weekend interview.

(Tom Hanks' wife is Rita Wilson, his sentimental sister in "Sleepless in Seattle."
They were married in St. Sophia Cathedral, Los Angeles, and have a 4-year old son.)

THE WAY TO MAKE LIFE BETTER EVERY DAY: **THINK** a better day. Thank God in advance for the good day ahead because there can't be a good day without His granting it. Actually, thanking is an affirmative way of thinking.

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PLAN a better day. You'll never get anywhere with a day unless you plan it. You've got to know what you propose to do with it and where you want to go in it. So make your plan and outline your procedures; organize time and effort.

MAKE a better day. Make it your business to put good into the day. If you put bad thoughts or bad attitudes into the day, the day will take on the bad. So put good into the day.

PRAY a better day. Start and finish every day with God. In the morning read a little from the Bible, putting the day into God's hands. Pray that you may help make it a better day for everybody you contact. At night pray again, giving thanks for all the blessings of the day.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *"I cannot conceive how a person could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."* (Abraham Lincoln)

**THAT THE ABUNDANT GRACE MIGHT THROUGH THE
THANKSGIVING OF MANY RESOUND TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

(Cf. II Cor. 4:15)

*So in order that we may not destroy the grace that we have received, but preserve it to the end and depart this life in possession of the treasure, there is need of something human, of endeavor on our part. **In ordinary affairs it is neither reasonable nor usual for us merely to be content with having received life...rather we must seek the means of preserving it.***

SIXTY MINUTES: Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching some genuinely good, interesting and educational programs on T.V.. Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching one half or one third of a football or baseball game on T.V.. Sixty minutes is the time we spend watching our favorite detective, comedy, or variety show on the tube.

Sixty minutes is the time some spend going to and from work. It's less than the time we take to go shopping for something we really need or want.

Sixty minutes is less than the time it takes us to read a good book. Sixty minutes is more than the time most of us take (in one day, in one week, in one month, in one year?) to read the Good Book. Sixty minutes is the time it takes to write a letter to the editor about something which concerns us. Sixty minutes is the time we spend being mad and frustrated about something which concerns us but about which we do nothing except get mad and frustrated.

Sixty minutes is the time it takes to visit a sick or shut-in friend or acquaintance. Sixty minutes of peace and quiet in the form of silent prayer and meditation each week provides the strength, guidance, insights, and a measure of peace. Sixty minutes spent doing something for someone else helps us feel like a million dollars.

Sixty minutes is a long, long time for a hungry child awaiting dinner. Sixty minutes is a short, short time in the years of life. And yet we only have so many periods of sixty minutes allotted to each of us. So our use of them becomes in Christian language a question of stewardship.

Sixty minutes' worth of income, one 40th of one's average weekly income, is more than many people give to the Church with which they are affiliated. Sixty minutes' worth of time each week is more than most people give to the congregation of which they are members.

Imagine what could be done if we all gave at least sixty minutes of weekly income and sixty minutes' time out of the week's 10,080 minutes to our church.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΟΚΤΩΗΧΟΥ *

Ι. Ἄ πολυτίκιο τοῦ α'. ἤχου.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος
ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων,
καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων
τὸ ἀχραντόν σου σῶμα,
ἀνέστης τριήμερος, Σωτήρ,
δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν.
Διάτοῦτο αἰδυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν
ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα :
δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ·
δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου,
δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου,
μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

Ἐξηγητικαὶ σημειώσεις.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος—ἂν καὶ ἐσφραγίσθηκε ὁ λίθος.—ἀχραντος—ἐκαίνος, ποὺ δὲν ἔχει λερωθῇ (ἀπὸ τὴν ἁμαρτίαν), ὁ ἀμόλυντος, ὁ ἅγιος.—τριήμερος—τὴν τρίτην ἡμέραν ἔπειτ' ἀπὸ τὸν ἐνταφιασμό Σου.—Σωτήρ—ὦ Σωτήρα μας.—Ζωοδότης—λέγεται ὁ Χριστὸς Ζωοδότης, γιὰτὶ μᾶς δίδει καὶ αὐτὴ τὴ ζωὴ, τὴν ἐπιγειο, καὶ τὴ μελλουσα, ποὺ θὰ ζήσωμε ἀφοῦ πεθάνωμε.—Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν—τὰ τάγματα τῶν Ἀγγέλων.—Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου—ἀρτεῖναι δοξαζομένη ἡ ἀνάστασί Σου.—Οἰκονομία—ἡ τακτοποίηση, ἡ διευθέτησι, δυσκόλων πραγμάτων. Δέγεται ἔτσι ἡ καλὴ λύσις, ποὺ ὁρῆκε ἡ πανσοφία τοῦ Θεοῦ γιὰ τὴ σωτηρίαν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου· νὰ ἔλθῃ δηλ. στὸν κόσμον ὁ Ὑἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, νὰ πάθῃ γιὰ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ νὰ σώσῃ αὐτοὺς ἀπὸ τὴν ἁμαρτίαν.

—Τὸ ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦτο ὕμνει τὴν ἀνάστασιν τοῦ Κυρίου, ἡ ὁποία ἐπραγματοποιήθη, ἂν καὶ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι εἶχαν σφραγίσῃ τὸ λίθον τοῦ μνημερίου καὶ Ρωμαῖοι στυγνῶνται ἐφύλατταν τὸν τάφο.

JANUARY CALENDAR AND EVENTS

January 1, Sunday
CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST &
ST. BASIL THE GREAT
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

January 5, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

January 6, Friday
FEAST OF EPIPHANY
Matins preparation, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

GREATER BLESSING OF THE WATER
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY WATER

January 8, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

VASILOPITA BAKE SALE

January 9, Monday
Executive Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

January 10, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

January 12, Thursday
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

January 13, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

January 15, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

January 17, Tuesday
ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

January 20, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

January 20, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

January 22, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

January 23, Monday
Parish Council Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

January 24, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

January 25, Wednesday
ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN
Divine Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

January 27, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

January 28, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

January 29, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

January 30, Monday
THREE HIERARCHS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

January 31, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

The Feast of Lights (January 6)

Our life on earth is especially dependent upon water and light. Water covers most of the earth and interacts with the entire cycle of nature to help things grow. In a comparable way light is essential to photosynthesis, the miracle behind everything that is green. It causes creative changes in the atmosphere and on the surface of the earth. Light allows us to appreciate nature's rich colors. And these two elements water and light are the chief symbols for the Holy Theophany of our Lord, or the Feast of Lights, which we celebrate on January 6.

Theophany is one of the most important feastdays in the Orthodox Church along with Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. Theophany commemorates the event of Jesus' baptism. According to the Gospels, when Jesus came to be baptized, heaven opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and God the Father by His heavenly voice gave witness that Jesus was His beloved Son. Jesus' baptism signified not only His own divine identity as Son of God but also disclosed the glory of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Thus, along with the themes of the sanctification of the waters, purification from sin and renewal, Theophany also celebrates the revelation of God to the world. "Theophany" means divine manifestation — the manifestation of God to the world as Trinity, the three great Lights of Father, Son, and Spirit, one in essence and glory.

Some of the themes of the Feast of Theophany are expressed through the following hymns:

*When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
Calling You beloved Son, and the Spirit
in the form of a dove confirmed His word as steadfast.
O Christ, our God,
Who has appeared and illumined the world:
Glory to You!*

Theophany Dismissal Hymn

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunday Divine Liturgies <i>always scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.</i>			Philoptochos Meeting 7:30 p.m.
17th Sun of Matthew Canaanite Woman II Cor. 6:16-7;1 Mat. 15:21-28 Fam. Dinner Dance 5	6	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 7	
16th Sun of Luke TRIODION BEGINS II Tim. 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14 Lincoln's Birthday 12	(No abstinence all week) Parish Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. 13	Valentine's Day Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 14	
17th Sun of Luke Prodigal Son I Cor. 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32 19	(No abstinence all week) Washington's Birthday 20	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 21	
MEAT FARE SUNDAY I Cor. 8:8-9:2 Mat. 25:31-46 LUNCHEON FOLLOWING LIT. 26	27	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 28	

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*Don't forget our St. Basil Family dinner dance
scheduled for Feb. 5 at Bold Knight in
Sunnyvale. Call church office for information*

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Prochos Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>⊕ 1</p>	<p>Presentation of our Lord Divine Lit. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>⊕ 2</p>	<p>🎵 Youth Choir 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>⊕ 9</p>	<p>St. Haralambos Divine Lit. 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>⊕ 10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>⊕ 16</p>	<p>🎵 Youth Choir 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>⊕ 23</p>	<p>🎵 Youth Choir 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>24</p>	<p>ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ Sat. of Souls Divine Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>25</p>

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<i>Sunday Divine Liturgies always scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.</i>			
1	2	3	
Sunday After Theophany Eph. 4:7-13 Matt. 4:12-17 ✠ 8	9	10	
12th Sun. of Luke 10 Lepers Col. 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19 6 mo. Mem. Pam Hazofptos 15	Martin Luther King Day  ✠ 16	St. Anthony Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. 17	
14th Sun of Luke The Blind Man I Tim. 1:15-17 Luke 18:35-43 22	Parish Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. 23	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 24	St. Gregor Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (immediately)
15th Sun of Luke Zacchaeus I Tim. 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10 29	Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Heb. 13:7-16 Mark 5:14-19 ✠ 30	Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 31	



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Bishop Anthony Celebrates 60th Birthday!

CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

San Francisco - On March 2, 1995, His
Grace Bishop Anthony will be celebrating his 60th
birthday! Events are being planned for the March 3-5,
1995, weekend, in San Francisco. **George Marcus**
is Honorary Chairman of the three-day event marking
this milestone in the life of Bishop Anthony. The
program includes a birthday dinner party with a silent
auction and a live auction featuring a 1995 Honda
automobile, which will be donated by the Ted Stevens
Car Company.

Bishop Anthony has requested that the
proceeds of this celebration be earmarked for the
rebuilding of the **Diocesan Cathedral of the
Annunciation in San Francisco** which was
destroyed in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

The Circumcision of the Lord (January 1)

The good news of the life of Christ is celebrated all year long. Important moments from the life of Christ recorded in the Gospels are lifted up and celebrated as great feasts of the liturgical year. Not only are events of the adult life of Christ celebrated, such as His baptism (January 6), His transfiguration (August 6), and His death and resurrection (Pascha and every Sunday), but also events of His earliest life such as the Annunciation (March 25), His Nativity or birth (December 25), His circumcision on the eighth day according to Jewish practice (January 1), and His meeting with Symeon in the Temple (February 2). All these and other feastdays are thoroughly biblical. They are based on the New Testament and seek to make the saving events of the life of Christ contemporary to us.

The Jewish practice of circumcision was a sign of God's covenant or agreement with Abraham as recounted in Genesis 17 when God told Abraham, "I will be your God and the God of your descendants" (Gen. 17:7). What is the meaning of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord? Perhaps the following hymn can best convey the several themes of this feastday.

Most merciful Lord Who, being God, assumed human nature without change in Your divinity: You fulfilled the Law by freely accepting circumcision of the flesh so as to put an end to prefigurations of the old dispensation and to lift the veil of passions from our hearts. O Christ, glory to Your goodness! Glory to Your immeasurable love! Glory to Your ineffable condescension!

*Dismissal Hymn
Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord*

Meditation

Even if we no longer have to submit to physical circumcision, we still have to submit to a true spiritual circumcision. Our covenant with God, the new covenant in Jesus Christ, must bring about in us the complete submission of our flesh and of its desires to God, the complete consecration and sanctification of our body and its natural functions.... And it is not only our flesh that needs spiritual circumcision; first, and above all else, it is our heart . . . all our thoughts, all our desires, all our feelings. . . . The great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" expresses very well what this circumcision of the heart means.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR AND EVENTS

February 1, Wednesday
Philoptochos Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February 2, Thursday
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

February 3, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

February 5, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 7, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

February 9, Thursday
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

February 10, Friday
ST. HARALAMBOS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

February 12, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 13, Monday
Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February 14, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Valentine's Day

February 16, Thursday
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

February 17, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

February 19, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 21, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

February 23, Thursday
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

February 24, Friday
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

February 25, Saturday
SATURDAY OF SOULS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 26, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 28, Tuesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

2. Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ ἁγίου.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον
ἢ ζωῇ ἢ ἀθάνατος,
τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας
τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος·
ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας
ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας,
πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις
τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον·
Ζωοδότα Χριστέ,
ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ἑξηγητικαὶ Σημειώσεις.

Ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος—Σὺ (ὁ Χριστός), ποῦ εἶσαι
ἢ ἀθάνατος ζῶν. — Ἄδης—ὁ τόπος, ποῦ πηγαίνουν
ἡ ψυχὴς τῶν ἀνθρώπων μετὰ θάνατον· λέγεται Ἄδης
καὶ ὁ ἴδιος ὁ θάνατος. — ἐνέκρωσας—ἐκαμες νεκρό,
ἐθανάτωσες. — τῇ ἀστραπῇ—μὲ τὴν ἀστραπὴν τῆς
θεότητος, μὲ τὴ θεϊκὴν σου δύναμιν. — τεθνεώτας=
τοὺς ἀποθαμμένους. — Ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας κλπ.
= Ὅπως ξεύρουμε ἀπὸ τὰ ἱερὰ Εὐαγγέλια, ὅταν
ἀνεστήθῃ ὁ Χριστὸς ἀνεστήθησαν ἀπὸ τοὺς τάφους
τῶν καὶ πολλὰ σώματα εἰσεβῶν ἀνδρῶν καὶ παρου-
σιάζοιτο σὲ πολλοὺς κατοίκους τῆς Ἱερουσαλὴμ.
— Καταχθόνια—τὰ μέρη, ποῦ βρίσκονται κάτω ἀπὸ
τὴ γῆ, ὁ Ἄδης. — Ἐπουράνια—τὰ ἅγια πνεύματα,
ποῦ εἶνε στοὺς οὐρανοὺς, πλησίον τοῦ Θεοῦ. — δυνά-
μεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων = τὰ τέγματα τῶν ἁγίων ἁγ-
γέλων.

— Μὲ τὸ ἀπολυτίκιον αὐτὸ ὑμνοῦμεν τὸ θάνατον τοῦ
Σωτῆρος, ποῦ κατήργησε τὸν Ἄδην, καὶ δοξολογεῖ-
με τὴν ἀνάστασιν Του, κατὰ τὴν ἐκείνη ἀνεστήθη-
κεν καὶ πολλὰ σώματα ἁγίων ἀνθρώπων.





TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY CHURCH

1. Speak to people. Speak to everyone, especially to those whom you don't know. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it! It doesn't cost a thing!
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his or her own name. If you don't know the person's name, introduce yourself and likely the person will respond with his or her name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.
5. Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likable people about you.
7. Be generous with praise. And be just as sparing with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one. Try to see them all.
9. Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life. Try giving yourself away. It's fun!
10. Develop a sense of humor. To this good sense of humor, add a generous dose of patience and a dash of humility. Then get ready to receive many blessings. They're sure to come!

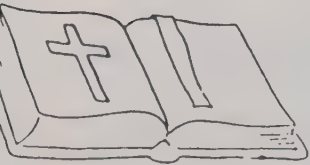
A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

As we commit your resources for 1995 to the ministry of your Gospel and Church, O Lord, open the eyes of our hearts. Give us understanding to acknowledge you as the giver of all things. Help us realize that we can offer to you only what you have already given to us. You taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. You taught us to give from the first fruits of our income, not from what is leftover. You taught us that what we give will be returned to us in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over. Grant us the faith to believe in your teachings and promises. Open our hearts today, Lord, to be generous, cheerful, hopeful, and faithful. For we pray in the name of Him who demonstrated the meaning of generosity by His life and death upon the cross for our sake, even Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

AND JESUS WENT ABOUT, TEACHING, PREACHING AND
HEALING



HOW MUCH
should I
give
?



Some people give by PROPORTION:
for example: \$1 per week for every \$1000 of annual income.

Others set aside a PERCENTAGE of their income

WEEKLY INCOME	3%	5%	8%	10%	15%
\$150	4 ⁵⁰	7 ⁵⁰	12 ⁵⁰	15 ⁵⁰	22 ⁵⁰
\$200	6 ⁵⁰	10 ⁵⁰	16 ⁵⁰	20 ⁵⁰	30 ⁵⁰
\$300	9 ⁵⁰	15 ⁵⁰	24 ⁵⁰	30 ⁵⁰	45 ⁵⁰
\$400	12 ⁵⁰	20 ⁵⁰	32 ⁵⁰	40 ⁵⁰	60 ⁵⁰
\$500	15 ⁵⁰	25 ⁵⁰	40 ⁵⁰	50 ⁵⁰	75 ⁵⁰

The Old Testament
guideline for giving was
the tithe (usually 1/10).
How close do you come to
the giving expected of
the early Christians
?



ΠΡΟΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΙΣ

"Όπως κάθε χρόνο έτσι και έφέτος, κατά την παράδοσιν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, Ὁ Πατήρ Κωνσταντίνος θά ἐπισκευθῇ κατά τόν μῆνα Ἰανουάριο καί ἀγαιοση τάς οἰκίας τῶν πιστῶν μας.

Θά ἤθελε νά ἐπισκευθῇ καί ἀγιάσει καί τό δικός σας σπίτι. Ἄλλά διὰ νά ἐπιστευχθῇ τοῦτο θά πρέπει ἡ νά τηλεφωνήσετε εἰς τό Γραφεῖο τῆς Ἐκκλησίας

NOTICE FOR HOUSEBLESSINGS

Once again during the month of January, beginning on the 6th, Fr. Konstantine will make every effort to visit and bless the homes of our parishioners.

If you wish to have your home blessed by Fr. Konstantine, please fill out the form below, indicate the day and time you wish to have your house blessed, or call the church office between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please detach and return

NAME _____ TEL. # _____

ADDRESS _____

I will be home on, Date _____ Time _____

ST. BASIL ANNUAL FAMILY DINNER DANCE

Sunday, February 5, 1995
Bold Knight Of Sunnyvale

*Parishioners are encouraged to donate items or
services for the Silent Auction.*

Call for Reservations (408) 268-3214 After 1 PM

See enclosed flyer.

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St. Basil the Great (January 1)

On January 1, the day on which he fell asleep in the Lord, we celebrate the Feast of St. Basil the Great who lived during the fourth century in Caesarea, Cappadocia (central Turkey). He was a preeminent Church Father, archbishop, theologian, scholar, ascetic, administrator, orator, preacher and philanthropist; St. Basil well deserves the title "Great" which Christian tradition has given him. Basil did not seek to exalt himself. On the contrary, he followed most fully the spirit and example of Christ: serving others. His life proved the truth of the teaching of Jesus which says, "Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great" (Mt. 23:12).

The hymn of his feastday praises St. Basil's life and example with these words:

*The sound of your voice was heard throughout the land
And your teachings were received.*

*You have divinely explained the nature of beings
And have given a rule of life for man.*

*Through your kindly priesthood,
Father Basil intercede with Christ our God
That our souls may be saved!*

*Dismissal Hymn
Feastday of St. Basil the Great*

St. Basil's ministry was based on: love for the brotherhood, the unity of the Church, the teaching of Christ, the action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

His model was the way of life of the early Church in the Book of Acts which is marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), fervent prayer, and the sharing of resources. Basil was born wealthy and died penniless. His spirit of Christian sharing led him to the loss of family wealth through a systematic program of philanthropy— orphanages, poor houses, homes for the aged, and hospitals—in an age when only the Church really cared for the poor, the sick, and prisoners. Today we continue to celebrate this tradition of Christian sharing through the "Vasilopeta"—St. Basil's Bread—which we break and share in the Eucharist as a symbol of the sharing of our resources with those in need. In Orthodox countries the giving is still practiced not on Christmas but on January 1, honoring St. Basil's memory.

Another treasure bearing St. Basil's name is the Liturgy of St. Basil. An earlier and more complete version of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated ten times a year: on the five Sundays of the Great Lent, on Holy Thursday, on Holy Saturday, on the Eve of the Forefeast of Christmas (December 24), on the Feastday of St. Basil (January 1), and on the Feast of Theophany (January 5).



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"This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: " I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all the flesh that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:12-17)

**Please be generous and give of your
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St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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MARCH 1995

NOTES ON FASTING

From Fr. Dean

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Fasting from foods is intended as spiritual preparation for an experience of deeper communion with God. Each person is a unit of body and soul. A right spiritual diet and a discipline of fasting go together and strengthen each other. Just as prayer benefits not only the soul but also the body so also fasting from foods benefits not only the body but also the soul. Fasting and prayer make us more sensitive to God's personal presence. At important times of their lives the Prophets fasted and prayed. So did Jesus, the Apostles, Saints and Church Fathers.

Fasting must be undertaken willingly and not by compulsion. God doesn't need our fasting. We do not fast as a kind of personal punishment for our sins. We cannot pay God back for our sins but we can only confess them to Him to receive forgiveness. Fasting with a willing spirit and not just with an attitude of fulfilling a religious obligation means that we keep the purposes of fasting always before us which is to develop self-control and to remember God and His Kingdom. That way we fast not only in what we eat but also in how much we eat. Fasting is simplicity of eating. We leave the table not with loaded stomachs. Being a little hungry during the day becomes a constant reminder of God, of our dependence of Him, and of the fact that the Lord alone can give us "food that lasts for eternal life" (Jn 6:27). In fasting and prayer, He once again reveals Himself to us as our true food and drink.

The Fathers of our Church reveal that Adam turned from God and created sin through his separation from God by breaking the "fast". Adam was unable to resist the temptation by the Devil. At the same instance He consumed and was consumed by the forbidden fruit. Jesus, as the new Adam was also tempted by the Devil. His response, however, was that "man cannot live by bread alone". In other words, man cannot serve both God and mammon. To live, he must serve only God. Therefore, let us set ourselves in righteousness and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior for surely we cannot live by bread alone.

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Spiritual Renewal Retreat

Our Spiritual Renewal Ministry Diocese of San Francisco presents their annual (1995) Springtime Retreat for men and women young and old entitled, "Growing in Relationships". The retreat will take place April 7-9 at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center and will feature Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Paris, Dean, of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral Of Ascension in Oakland as retreat director. Cost is \$110 per person & \$200 per couple. Contact Fofu Olson at (510) 687-8337 for more information. A flyer is included with this bulletin.

A Greek Independence Day Celebration Dance will be sponsored by the Pan Arkadian Federation. Theodoros Kolokotronis Chapter 103 of San Jose invites you to our 174th Greek Independence Day Celebration Dinner-Dance. Saturday, March 25 at Zorba's Restaurant, 1350 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose. Donation \$25.00 per person.

No Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Choice of Lamb Makarounada or Halibut
Greek Salad - Wine - Galatoboureko
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Sunday the fifth of March 1995.

Diocese Cathedral Of The Annunciation
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Donation \$60 per person

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For more information: 415-861-0057

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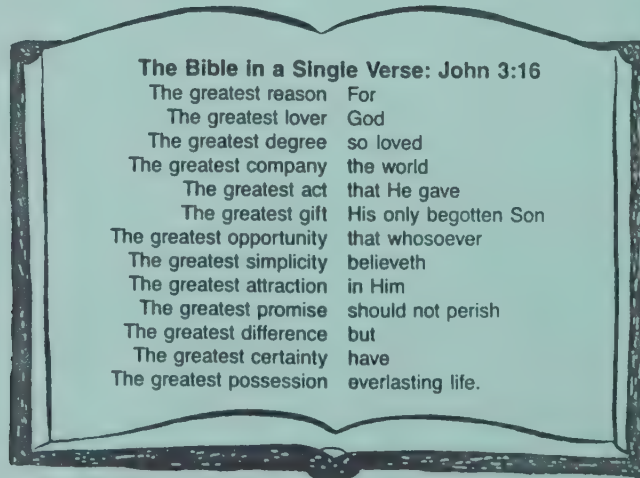
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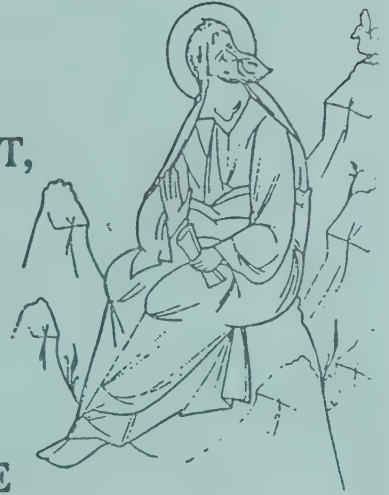


Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE
DELIVER ME FORM THE SPIRIT
OF LAZINESS
AMBITION,
AND
GOSSIP.

GIVE ME, YOUR SERVANT,
THE SPIRIT OF
PRUDENCE,
PATIENCE
AND
LOVE.

LORD & KING,
GRANT THAT I MAY SEE
MY SINS AND FAULTS
AND NOT JUDGE MY
BROTHER AND SISTER,
FOR YOU ARE BLESSED
FOREVER & EVER.
AMEN.



ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thank you to all those who have sent in your Stewardship 1995 pledge. If you have not sent in your sheet, please do so as soon as possible so that St. Basil's can budget its year. If you need another sheet, please call the Church Office. **Thank you all for your support!**

John Monolakis, Chairperson

THE SEVENFOLD BLESSING OF THE TITHE

1. It blesses the **heart** by making it receptive to God's will.
2. It blesses the **life** by lifting it to a higher plane of grace.
3. It blesses the **hands** by making them willing to do God's work.
4. It blesses the **mind** by giving it the satisfaction of doing the right thing.
5. It blesses the **nine-tenths** that remains because God has been honored.
6. It blesses the **individual** by giving him a part in God's program of work.
7. It blesses the church by enabling it to carry out a greater ministry.

Please be generous with your time, talents, and resources.

THE MESSAGE OF MY MONEY

My money is really another pair of feet to walk today
where Christ would walk if He were still on earth.

My money is another pair of hands to heal and feed and
bless the desperate families of the earth.

My money is a prayer of intercession suddenly crossing
time and space to help answer itself in one swift, unselfish gesture.

My money is part of my Christian life. If my money is not committed to
Christ, then I am not totally dedicated to Jesus and His will.

HOW TO SUPPORT A CHURCH

The treasurer of a church resigned.
Another man the manager of a local grain elevator,
was asked to take the position.

He agreed to do so if, for one full year,
the church would require no report from him
and no one would ask him any questions
about the church's finances.

The church members were puzzled
at this strange request,
but they finally granted it.
Most of them had him process their grain,
so they knew he was an honest man.
They pleasantly surprised congregation
wanted an explanation.

"Most of you bring your grain to my elevator,"
the man replied. "When I paid you,
I simply withheld ten percent on your behalf
and have it to church in your name.

You never missed it.

Do you see what we could do for the Lord
if we were willing to give the first tithe to God,
who really owns it?"

What Should I Do During Lent?

Very often people ask what they should do during Great Lent. They realize that prayer, fasting and alms-giving are the three basic Christian and lenten necessities. But they realize as well that they cannot keep the strictest lenten regulations of the Church which are, in fact, rules for the monks. They know that they will not make a maximum effort, and so they feel frustrated, lost and without guidance.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

When the priest is asked for a realistic answer about lenten practices, the only realistic advice possible is to say to the person: DO WHAT YOU CAN. You know that the essentials are prayer, fasting and alms. Intensify your prayer. Fast as much as you can. (And more and more people are finding that total abstinence from meat for the entire lenten season is not out of the question even for layman.) And give to others asking nothing in return. Know as well that all fasting, prayer and generosity must be exercised strictly in secret. And know that the only real goal and purpose of lent is the greater love of God and man.

CERTAIN WEEKS

Another more concrete suggestion is the traditional one to keep certain weeks in a more careful and strict way than others. For example, the third week of lent, the week of the cross, the last week, Holy week...these times can be set aside for a greater and more concentrated effort.

Very practically every one can keep certain weeks, or at least one week, in a very special lenten way. If this is done, there is no doubt that the result will be very positive and the time spent may prove to be the most inspiring and fruitful time of the person's entire life. We can only try it and see

WHAT TO DO

These are the concrete suggestions about what to do during the special weeks, or at least the one special week, of great lent.

1. Turn off the television, radio, stereo for the entire time, except for the news and serious things. Do not attend any dances or festivities.

2. Do not visit or move about just for the sake of it. Keep useless

talking to a minimum. Do only necessary business, good works and Christian actions.

3. Examine your life in all aspects: family, work, society, politics, economics, values, desire... in terms of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

4. Question yourself in regard to love, truth, honesty, purity, humility, peace, forgiveness, justice, mercy, hungering and thirsting for God, wisdom, knowledge.

5. In the name of Christ forgive all who have offended you and ask forgiveness of others. If it will not be embarrassing or misinterpreted as an act of "holier than thou", make the forgiveness and asking of forgiveness as concrete as possible. Visit, make a phone call, etc.

6. Give a good donation of money to others; to the Church, to the poor, to some good social or educational work. Tell no one what you have done. Ask no gratitude. Do not advertise it.

7. Fast strictly all the time. Eat no meat, as the basic minimum. Suit your fast to your work, but avoid luxury. And again, tell no one, do not advertise, do not judge others who are not fasting with you.

8. Pray at home at one fixed time each day. Choose a brief rule of prayer, but keep it faithfully.

9. Read the Gospel in the same brief but regular way following the Church's calendar; or perhaps better, one complete Gospel plus the following readings:

a. the first Letter of St. John
b. St. Paul's Letter to the Romans
12 to 14

c. Matthew 5 to 7

d. John 14 to 17

10. Be faithful to Christ's gospel in every word, act and thought; even the smallest.

11. Participate in all of the church services of the week, at least the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy, confessing seriously and receiving Holy Communion.

PEACE AND JOY

IF WE DO THESE THINGS NOT IN A SPIRIT OF GLOOMY SELF-DENIAL OR IRRITATED SELF-PITY, WE WILL GAIN THE AWARENESS OF GENUINE PEACE AND JOY IN COMMUNION WITH GOD AND MEN. THIS IS GUARANTEED. AND THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN A WAY WHICH WE WILL CHERISH FOREVER.



55 WAYS TO Love YOUR KIDS

It's not enough to tell your kids you care-you've got to show them! BY
DICK GIBSON

1. Remember names. Few things leave a more lasting impression on kids than your ability to call them by name.

2. Meet at kids' level. Position yourself to communicate at eye level. Also take care that your vocabulary is easily understood by your teenagers.

3. Send birthday cards. Who do young people get cards from? Immediate family, extended relatives and close friends. Why not add your name to that list?

4. Invite them along. "Never go anywhere alone," advises youth ministry consultant Les Christie. Asking someone to join you confirms their worth to you. And it's a great chance to share informally and to role model the Christian life.

5. Be in touch. How many kids suffered through another week without positive physical contact? Expressions as simple as a hand on the shoulder or a "holy hug" can prove your concern.

6. Respond to absences. Many young people feel dropped when they feel unneeded or unimportant. When you follow up with them, it communicates their value to you and the group.

7. Forgive and forget. "Love keeps no record of wrongs" (Corinthians 13:5) If you model authentic forgiveness it'll give your kids courage to do the same.

your group members. Spread the word to family and friends that you want to know about this inside information.

9. Write encouraging notes. Kids love to get mail, so send them brief postcards or letters. Express your confidence in them and reaffirm your availability.

10. Offer support in a crisis. You're never more needed than when your teenagers face trouble. When kids face unexpected pregnancy, abuse, crime, death or rejection, your active concern can impact them for a lifetime.

11. Recognize personality changing. Abrupt shifts in normal behavior patterns may be signals for help. Don't hesitate to share your concerns.

12. Follow up prayer requests. Ask for progress reports on prayer concerns. This reminds your kids that you take their spiritual life seriously and helps them recognize God's provision.

13. Use the telephone. How often do you phone your teenagers for no reason? Call just to say "Hi!"

14. Go to their 'natural habitat.' Your presence on your group members' turf is significant. So go to school events or schedule a visit at their workplace.

15. Open your home. Occasionally ask kids to join you at home apart from regular group activities.

16. Confront in love. Authentic concern sometimes says, "I care for you too much to let that continue." Your willingness to deal with tough issues reveals the true nature of your commitment. (Hebrews 12:5-11)

17. Listen. You don't need all the answers, just two good ears. Empower your teenagers to talk through their problems with someone they can trust.

18. Answer questions. Young people have difficulty interpreting the mixed messages they receive. If they ask, it's because they trust you. Don't be afraid to respond honestly, even in sensitive areas.

19. Say "I Love You!" These words can never be said too often. Say them, personally, sincerely and individually.

20. Affirm spiritual growth. Everyone can use a spiritual "pat on the back". Commend godly character you observe.

21. "Unwrap" kids' giftedness. When you detect latent talents or abilities in your kids, give them the encouragement and opportunity to explore those gifts.

22. Expect the best. Young people will settle to your level of expectation—so aim high.

23. Accept them as they are. Teenagers are in transition from childhood to adulthood, and they can act like either at any moment. Be patient, God's not finished with them (or you, for that matter).

24. Focus on their interests. Investigate your group members' hobbies and ask for pointers. They'll be happy to oblige, and you'll gain new insights into them.

25. Be available. Inform your group that you're accessible when they need you (remember to tell them when you're not available, too.) You have lost an opportunity if they weather their storms alone.

26. Laugh together. Don't be so serious that you miss humorous moments.

27. Cultivate kids' opinions. Invite honest feedback and keep an open mind. God may want your young people to teach you something.

28. Be real. Your teenagers hunger for relationships with people who have the confidence in themselves.

See the April Bulletin for rest of "Ways To Love Your Kids"!

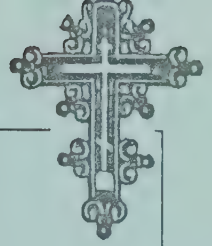
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CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Dear Parents & Parishioners of St. Basil,

We are now well into our church year for 1995. You have no doubt noticed and participated in some of the childrens activities thus far...

Such as their day "Ice Skating" and "Meat Fare Sunday" which we all enjoyed on Sunday last.

It is our wish to bring you up-to-date on our plans for the balance of the church school year such as:

- 1 - First Sunday Of Lent, the children will attend church along with their Icons in hand.
- 2 - Specific dates have been set for the children to participate in the Sacrament of Confession.
- 3 - Our parishioner, Helen Doss will be giving a demonstration on how Prosfora is made.
- 4 - Retreat for the older children (over night) at church...making the palms for Palm Sunday.
- 5 - Communion breakfast prepared by the parents.
- 6 - Preparing themselves spiritually and physically for Holy Week.
- 7 - Special plans for Mother's Day.
- 8 - Pool party in June.
- 9 - Our Childrens Choir will perform in Long Beach during the month of July with other Orthodox churches.
- 10 - Special day at "The Ranch"

Calendar dates on the above will be announced in time for your consideration. They are also posted on the bulletin board in the conferenceroom.

The Church school teachers, staff and Father Dean wish to acknowledge and thank everyone for the loving support and assistance in our most important endeavor...The needs of our children and their Christ-Centered way of life as expressed in the Orthodox tradition.

"Jesus is Alive...To those who believe in his name, he gave us the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

With Love In Christ,


TULLA KASNESTIS

The Fragrance of Christ

The following story is frequently told among Thai Christians.

There was a certain tiger in the jungle who was very hungry and wanted to eat. So the tiger asked God, "I'm very hungry. Can I eat anything I see in the jungle?" God said, "You can eat anything."

The tiger replied, "But, God, can I even eat man?"

God said, "You can even eat man except for Christians."

The tiger then asked, "How am I supposed to detect the Christians?"

God said, "You will know they are Christians by their fragrance."

Confused, the tiger asked, "What fragrance?"

God replied, "When you smell the sweet aroma of Christ, then you will know they are Christians."

The tiger agreed and then went very far into the jungle. There he met a man and wondered if this man was a Christian. So the tiger sniffed and sniffed. But he didn't smell a thing. He ate the feet, the legs, the heart, and the arms of the man.....and he still didn't smell anything. The last thing he ate was the mouth and.....uh oh! When he ate the mouth, he smelled the fragrance of Christ.

The tiger exclaimed, "Oh no!"

He ran back to God and said, "God, please forgive me. I ate a Christian. But I didn't know it was a Christian until too late because only the mouth smelled like the fragrance of Christ!"

Christian leaders in Thailand tell the story to show that many believers are Christian in name only, not in their hearts nor in their lives. It would be interesting to note that our Orthodox Church celebrates a service called "Sweet Jesus"; also that the sweet smelling words of our faith are to be shared and lived with people God introduces to us in our daily lives. May we become sweet smelling in Christ!



Prosforo Making Schedule

March 5	Vaseleke Kouretas
March 12	Aristea Pettis
March 19	Nitsa Sialaris
March 26	Despina Anagnostos

Duty Team Schedule

March 5	Mark Judge Greg Krantz Bella Kourtides Maria Jacob Carol Lyons
March 12	George Elliott George Pettis Dennis Thomatos John Monolakis George Nitis
March 19	John Kasnestis Mike Wilson Gust Fotis Maria Anagnostos Cleo Constantine
March 26	Demetris Paraskevopoulos Stephanie Krieger John Krieger Gus Hazifotis Lena Xydes

Altar Boy Schedule

March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
<u>Team I</u>	<u>Team II</u>	<u>Team III</u>	<u>Team IV</u>
Michael Bolaris	Christopher Judge	Peter Kelepouris	Bobby Papadatos
Greg Fischer	Sean Judge	Danny Kelepouris	Brian Pettis
Peter Krekos	George Nijmeh	Angelo Lanham	Michael Saad

Coordinators: Ninos Oshaana (266-5854)
& Michael Bolaris (779-0094)
Assistant: Peter Kelepouris

MARCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

March 1, Monday

Philoptochos Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Rel. Ed. Meeting 8:00 p.m.

March 2, Thursday

Holy Unction Service 8:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

March 3, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

March 4, Saturday

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 5, Sunday

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 6, Monday

LENT BEGINS
Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 8, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Lit. of Presanctified Gifts
7:00 p.m. followed by confession

March 9, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

March 10, Friday

1st Salutations 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

March 11, Saturday

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 12, 1st Sunday of Lent

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 15, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Lit. of Presanctified Gifts
7:00 p.m. followed by confession

March 16, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

March 17, Friday

1st Salutations 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

March 19, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 22, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Lit. of Presanctified Gifts
7:00 p.m. followed by confession

March 23, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

March 24, Friday

1st Salutations 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

March 25, Saturday

Annunciation of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

March 26, 3rd Sunday of Lent

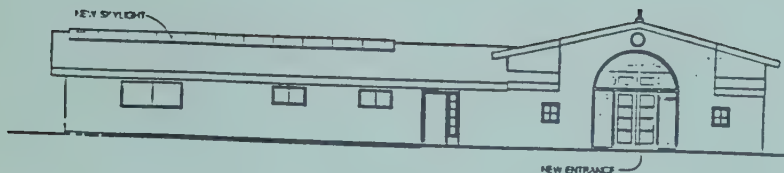
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March 30, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Lit. of Presanctified Gifts
7:00 p.m. followed by confession

March 31, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

THE GIVING SPIRIT

We are thankful for many circumstances we experience, our health, family, and good fortune. St. Basil's is thankful for our faithful and their commitment to Christ and His Church. Twenty eight people have already expressed support for their church by pledging over \$47,000.00 toward the Reconfiguration of our church building against a budget of \$75,000.00.

By the time you will have read this article, we will have received appropriate permits from San Jose and will be breaking ground sometime around the middle of March. The project is scheduled to be "roughly" completed just after Easter.

Costs will be kept at a minimum due to the many volunteers who will be physically working towards the completion of the project. Please be prepared to give us your expertise, whether it be carpentry, masonry, or simply banging a few nails and pulling existing electrical wiring. As you can see, we also need additional financial support for this project.

We have collected \$20,000 to date; however, since the schedule is very short, we need those who have pledged to submit their payment right away, and for those who have not pledged to please do so immediately. We need an additional \$28,000.00 to complete construction.

Our facilities will be greatly improved with the completion of this project. Programs will be increased and our children will have appropriate facilities for their activities and our sanctuary will resemble an "Orthodox"

A Joyful Thank You to those who have pledged:

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David/Kathy Atala
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Duty Team Continued

April 23 John Kasnestis
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 Maria Anagnostos
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Duty Team Schedule

April 2 Tony Pettis
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 Maria Fischer
 April 9 Mark Judge
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Altar Boy Schedule

April 2 & 30	April 9	Palm Sunday April 16	Easter Sunday April 23
<u>Team I</u>	<u>Team II</u>	<u>Team III</u>	<u>Team IV</u>
Michael Bolaris	Christopher Judge	All Altar Boys	All Altar Boys
Greg Fischer	Sean Judge		
Peter Krekos	George Nijmeh		

All Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:15 a.m.

Ninos Oshaana & Michael Bolaris, Coordinators
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55 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR KIDS

Continued from the March Bulletin:

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SACRAMENTS

WEDDINGS

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May God grant everything pleasing to them!

MEMORIALS

On Sunday, March 19, a two year Memorial Service was held for Anastasia Keshishian, mother of Spiro.

On Sunday, March 26, a thirty three year Memorial Service was chanted for Mishael Lazar, father of Domarina Oshanna.

On Sunday, April 1, a one year memorial was held for Shafic Dadis, husband of Georgette and father of Charles, Nablle and Hani.

May their memories be eternal!

BAPTISMS

This month, Elina Margeli Tsatalos will be baptized. Proud parents are Odysseas and Christina.

May she walk in the path of righteousness forever!

APRIL CALENDAR EVENTS

April 2, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

April 5, Wednesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

April 6, Thursday
PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
Divine Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

April 7, Friday
AKATHIST HYMN, 7:00 p.m.

April 9, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

April 10, Monday
Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

April 13, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

April 14, Friday
PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
Divine Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

April 15, Saturday
SATURDAY OF LAZARUS
COMMUNION BREAKFAST
9:30 a.m.

April 16, Sunday
PALM SUNDAY
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK(See Schedule)

April 17, Monday
HOLY MONDAY
Bridegroom Service, 7:30 p.m.

April 18, Tuesday
HOLY TUESDAY
Bridegroom Service, 7:30 p.m.

April 19, Wednesday
HOLY WEDNESDAY
Holy Unction, 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

April 20, Thursday
HOLY THURSDAY
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Passion Readings, 7:30 p.m.

April 21, Friday
GOOD FRIDAY
Descent from Cross, 3:00 p.m.
Lamentations, 7:00 p.m.

April 22, Saturday
HOLY SATURDAY
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Resurrection Service/Liturgy, 11 p.m.

April 23, Sunday
HOLY EASTER
Service of Love, 11:00 a.m.

April 24, Monday
ST. GEORGE
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

April 27, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

April 30, Sunday
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

*THE EASTER MESSAGE OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM*

If there are devout and God-loving people here, let them enjoy this beautiful, radiant festival. If there are prudent servants, enter joyously into the Lord's joy. Whoever may be spent from fasting, enjoy now your reward. Whoever has toiled from the first hour, receive today your just settlement. If any came after the third hour, celebrate gratefully. If any of you arrived after the sixth, have no misgivings, you have lost nothing. If some have been as late as the ninth, come forward, do not be at a loss. If any of you have arrived only at the eleventh hour, do not be dismayed for being late.

The Master is gracious: He accepts the last even as the first; He gives rest to those of the eleventh as well as to those who have labored from the first; He is lenient with the last while looking after the first; to the one He gives, to the other He gives freely; He accepts the labors and welcomes the effort; honors the deed but commends the intent. So, all of you, enter into the joy of our Lord; first and second, share the bounty. Rich and poor alike, celebrate together. Sober or heedless, honor the day. Those who fasted and those who did not, rejoice today. The table is full, everyone fare sumptuously. The calf is fatted; no one go away hungry. Everyone savor the banquet of faith; relish the riches of His goodness.

No one need lament poverty, for the kingdom is seen as universal. No one need grieve over sins; forgiveness has dawned from the tomb. No one need fear death; the Savior's death has freed us from it. While its captive He stifled it, he despoiled Hades as He descended into it; it was angered when it tasted His flesh. Foreseeing this, Isaiah proclaimed: "Hades," he said, "was angered when he met You below." It was angered because it was abolished. It was angered because it was mocked. It received a body and encountered God. It took earth and came face to face with heaven. It took what it saw and fell by what it could not see. Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are overthrown. Christ is risen and demons have fallen. Christ is risen and angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life rules. Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the tomb. For Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the firstfruits of those that slept. To Him be the glory and the dominion, forever.

Amen.

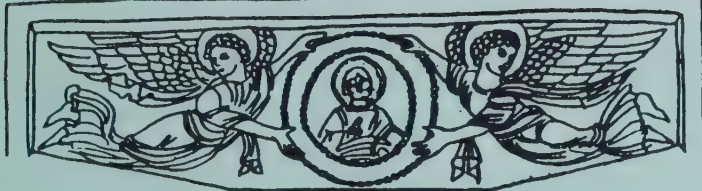
AXIOS

AXIOS announces the availability of scholarships for the year 1995 -1996. These scholarships were established to benefit qualified students who have completed their second year of scholarship. These students must be attending an accredited College, University or Graduate School in California.

For students to be eligible, they must be of Hellenic descent; must show evidence of good class standing; and be in need of financial aid. Applications will be accepted until June 30, 1995.

For further details and application forms, students may write to the following:

AXIOS Scholarship Committee
665 Allen Avenue
San Marino, CA 91108



ON THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

Everyone who has been baptized in an Orthodox manner has received secretly the fullness of grace; and if he then goes on to perform the commandments, he will become consciously aware of this grace within him. However far a man may advance in faith, however great the blessings that he attains, he never discovers, nor can he ever discover, anything more than what he has already secretly received through Baptism. Christ, being perfect God, bestows upon the baptized the perfect grace of the Spirit. We for our part cannot possibly add to that grace, but it is revealed and manifests itself to us increasingly, in proportion to our fulfillment of the commandments. Whatever, then, we offer to him after our regeneration, was already within us and came originally from him.

(St. Mark The Monk)

LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM

**Lord and Master of my life,
Deliver me from the spirit of laziness,
ambition, and gossip.**

**Give me, your servant,
The spirit of prudence, humility,
patience, and love.**

**Lord and King,
Grant that I may see my sins and faults
and not judge my brother and sister
For You are blessed forever and ever.**

Amen.

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(The above advertisement helps defray the postage and paper expenses for St. Basil's bulletins.)



For those of you knew or doesn't know me. My name is Wendy Constantelos. I am a daughter of Dessie Constantelos.

I had been doing "Special Olympics" for eight years already. Also, I am a student from Prospect High School.

On Saturday, March 11, 1995 is the day of the basketball tournament. It took place from Santa Clara University in the Toso Pavilion.

The time held all day. Prospect High School came first place of being as a champion.

In our society, we do not have hundreds of special needs and disabilities across the nation.

The Lord gives them courage and skills for our faith.

Wendy Constantelos



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June 11	Aristea Pettis
	Nitsa Sialaris

Continued: Duty Team Schedule

June 4	Demetris Paraskevopoulos
	Stephanie Krieger
	John Krieger
	Gus Hazifotis
	Lena Xydes



Duty Team Schedule

May 7 & June 11	Tony Pettis Joann Davison Maria Fischer
May 14 & June 18	Mark Judge Greg Krantz Bella Kourtides Maria Jacob Carol Lyons
May 21 & June 25	George Elliott George Pettis Dennis Thomatos John Monolakis George Nitis
May 28	John Kasnestis Mike Wilson Gust Fotis Maria Anagnostos Cleo Constantine

Altar Boy Schedule

May 7 & Jun. 4	May 14 & Jun. 11	May 21 & June 18	May 28 & June 25
<u>Team II</u>	<u>Team III</u>	<u>Team IV</u>	<u>Team I</u>
Christopher Judge	Peter Kelepouris	Bobby Papadatos	Michael Bolaris
Sean Judge	Danny Kelepouris	Brian Pettis	Greg Fischer
George Nijmeh	Angelo Lanham		Peter Krekos

* All Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:15 a.m.

Coordinators: Ninos Oshaana (266-5854)

& Michael Bolaris (799-0094)

Assistant: Peter Kelepouris

MAY CALENDAR AND EVENTS

May 7, Sunday

Matins, 8:30 a.m.,
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

May 8, Monday

GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Villages, San Jose, 1 p.m.

May 9, Tuesday

Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 10, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

May 11, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

May 14, Sunday

MOTHER'S DAY
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

May 17, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

May 18, Thursday

Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

May 21, Sunday

STs. CONSTANTINE & HELEN
Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

May 24, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

May 25, Thursday

Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

May 28, Sunday

Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

May 29, Monday

MEMORIAL DAY
Church Office Closed

May 31, Wednesday

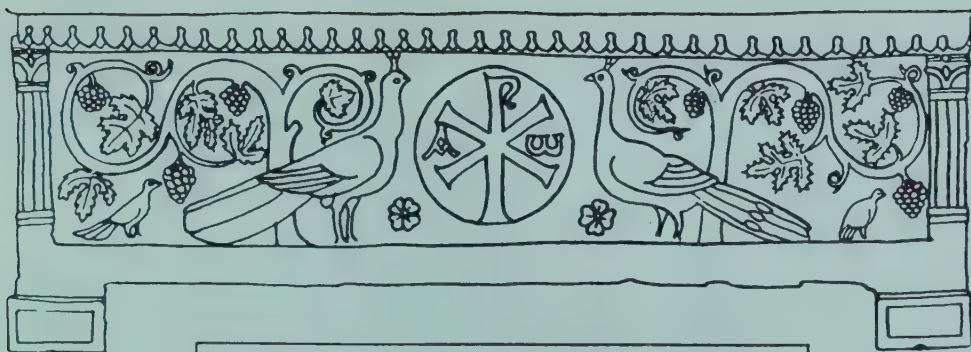
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Please Note:

*That all weekday Liturgies through
June 15 will not be celebrated due to
construction with the exception of :
ASCENSION, Thursday, June 1
SATURDAY OF THE SOULS
Saturday, June 10 and
HOLY TRINITY, Monday, June 12*

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENT

Elections for the two year
term for the Board of the
Philoptochos of St. Basil
Church
will take place Sunday,
June 4, 1995 directly after
Divine Liturgy.
(Please plan to attend and
participate in this very important
election)



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

On Saturday, April 29, 1995 Odysseas and Christina Tsatalos baptized their daughter Erini. The Godparent was Elina Margele.

On Wednesday, July 5, Chrysanna Daly will be baptized. Proud parents are Mark and Ivy.

In July or August, Lydia Schelemengos will be baptized. Proud parents are Louis and Andrea.

May they walk in the path of righteousness forever!

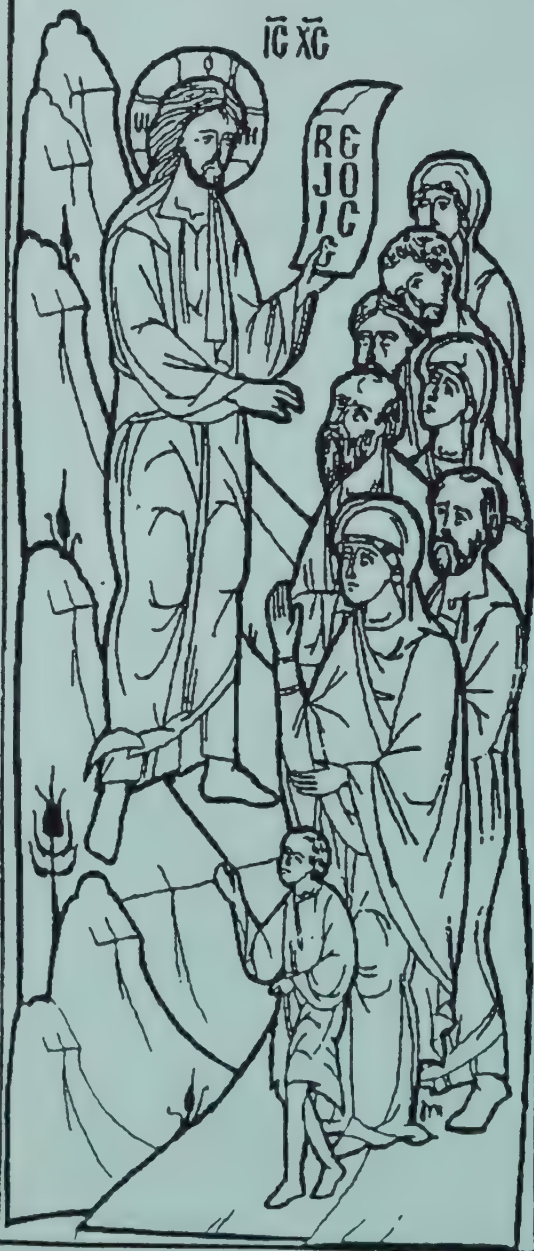
WEDDINGS

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On Saturday, May 6, 1995, Elie Marina & Raida Kildani were joined in Holy Matrimony. Salim Marina was their Best Man.

*May God bless them in all good things
so that they may share them with those in great need!*

•CHRIST TEACHING:•



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The Philosophy of

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The philosophy of Orthodox Christian Education (catechesis) is to help build up the Church, the Body of Christ, by nurturing every person in the life of personal communion with the Holy Trinity (theosis), and thus, through the ministry, to bear joyful witness to God's loving and redeeming work in the world. Being only one part of total life of the Church, Christian education is effective in the context of living faith in the home and parish. Living faith is concretely expressed through all believers—bishops, priests, parents, teachers, parish leaders, youth leaders, and all Orthodox Christians seeking to know and to live the new life in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Demetrios & Roula Cayairdis, June 9
Notis & Connie Issichopoulos, May 25
Floyd & Aristea Pettis, May 4
Robert & Catherine Siderine, May 8

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Connie Issichopoulos, May 18
Mike Jacob, May 10
Gregory Krantz, June 11
Georgia Krantz, June 5
Athena Lofaro, June 25
Carol Lyons, June 4
Doug Lyons, May 9
Salim Marina, May 1
George Nitis, May 22
Filisa Pettinati, May 22

Graduation

Congratuations to George Mendrinios, the son of Father Dean and Presbyteria Roxanne who graduated Saturday, May 13 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Molecular Cell Biology from the University of Arizona in Tuscon.

Education

Congratulations to Alexandra Mendrinios Joseph, the daughter of Father Dean and Presbyteria Roxanne, who has been chosen to attend Tufts University for a PHD in Immunology.

Congratulations to Luke Pettinati, the son of Fabio and Felitza will be attending the University of California in Berkeley to study Computer Sciences.

Stacy Bolaris will be attending Presentation High School. Congratulations!



Christ is Risen!

We began a journey more than seventy days ago. A journey which included four weeks of Gospel readings and themes preparing us for lent, an additional six weeks of fasting, prayer, and doing good works which we call Great Lent, and finally Holy Week culminating in the greatest celebration that God invites us to attend and participate...PASCHA, EASTER, THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

We experience many journeys in life, but none so great or important as our journey toward the resurrected Christ. A journey which will raise us from the depths of pain and anger, of confusion and desperation, of depression and laziness to a level of communing with our Creator thereby experiencing the fruits of the Holy Spirit, joy, peace, courage, clear conscience, purpose of thought and being and love. But let us not be fooled into thinking that these gifts will be given automatically.

It can be likened to a middle aged man seeking to find pleasure from his mundane existence. He decides to go in the wilderness three days. He plans his trip, charting his course with great care. He checks his tent and back and purchases appropriate hiking sneakers. He is very careful to wear proper clothing and supply himself with nutritious food. He brings a canteen of water in the event there isn't any water on the trail. He is sure to bring the appropriate journals and books to chart his course and follow marked trails. (This would represent our pre-lenten period of preparation. The next would represent Lent.)

He begins his trek with great enthusiasm. The trail is difficult having to walk over much underbrush, up and over large mountains, and through dense forests. He forgot how difficult the journey would be. He does not give up because he understands the great rewards.

He was greatly enjoying his journey even though he was exhausted, dirty, and quickly depleting his food supply. Reached the apex of the highest mountain, he decides to sleep on the peak. He knew that he would be the first to experience the sunlight. He awoke early. The clouds were below -

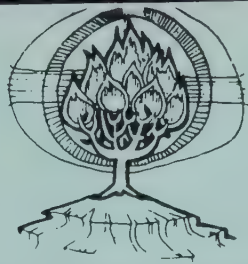
him. He could see the village in the valley and people turning their lights on. They looked like little fire flies in the distance. It was a cold morning. He made some hot tea in anticipation of seeing the first light. He had forgotten its majesty. At once the light of the light of the sun burst over the mountain. He was filled with its presence giving him warmth. A feeling of security overcame him as he noticed the darkness in the valley below. He knew in a very short time everything would have new shape and form and color because the sun would shine its light on every created thing. (Resurrection)

But the journey was not over for him, he had to climb down the mountain and participate in life. My dear friends, the Paschal journey is not over for us. In fact, just as the man on the hike, we must take the "light" and continue our journey of life. His experience was not the end, it was the beginning. Easter is not the end of lent but the beginning of Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit of God).

In fact the early church was so sure of the victory of Easter that it did not dwell on the gloom of Good Friday. For centuries there as little observance of lent of Holy Week. The central festival was the long period from Easter to Pentecost. For what is Christianity essentially but the triumph of Easter, the triumph of Christ, the victory of light over darkness, the victory of love over hate, hope over despair, truth over error, virtue over evil, life over death.

So let us begin to continue the Easter message in our lives, our homes, and our Church. We have much work to accomplish at St. Basil's. Let us continue our journey towards the "unwaning light" with all our strength through His power, of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirt!





TREASURER'S REPORT
May & June 1995

A complete first and second Quarter Report will be mailed in a separate mailing.

GREEK FESTIVAL '95

The Greek Festival is Coming!!

September 1, 2, 3, & 4

**We need YOUR help in making
the Festival a success*

**There are jobs for every parishioner*

**Let's make this the best Festival ever!*

**Help us present the newly remodeled church to the community.*

*See: Greg Krantz our Chairman
to see how you can help.*

The Church Is Alive and Well

In spite of what some people say and think about the church, no other institution has lasted as long.

No other organization has had a greater impact for good. From the church have sprung hospitals, nursing homes, universities, public schools, liberation movements, concepts of human dignity, child-care agencies, and the concept of democracy.

Millions of people attend athletic events every year, but many more than that attend churches and synagogues. Professional sports events gross millions, but Christians give billions to their churches as free-will gifts.

With so many negative things being said about the church, we need to pause occasionally and declare that it is still alive and well. Just think, the church is the greatest institution in history, and you and I have the privilege of being a part of it.



"This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' And God said to jNoah,, "This is tshe sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth." Genesis 9:12-17)

JUNE CALENDAR AND EVENTS

June 1, Thursday

ASCENSION

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 2, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

June 4, Sunday

Matins, 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

June 5, Monday

Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 7, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

June 8, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 9, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

June 10, Saturday

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

June 11, Sunday PENTECOST

Matins, 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

June 12, Monday

HOLY TRINITY

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

June 14, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

June 15, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 16, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

June 16, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 18, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

June 18, Sunday

FATHER'S DAY

Matins, 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

June 21, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

June 22, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 23, Friday

Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m.

June 24, Saturday

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

June 25, Sunday

Matins, 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

June 28, Wednesday

Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

June 29, Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

June 30, Friday

SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

Ionian Village Trips

Once again young adults can experience Greece through the Ionian Village Summer Travel Program. There are three programs from which to choose for three different age groups. These trips are full of discovery and fellowship. The programs start on June 4. Please call the Church office for more information.

PAOI Women's Board To Host Olympia Dukakis

The Women's Board of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute at the Graduate Theological Union and the University of California is hosting "An Evening With A Star", featuring Olympia Dukakis on Monday evening, June 5th.

Olympia Dukakis won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in the film Moonstruck, and is appearing in the lead role of *Hecuba* in the A.C.T. production of *Euripides'* masterpiece ancient Greek drama, *Hecuba*, in San Francisco.

The special evening with Olympia Dukakis, a reception and buffet supper, will benefit the inauguration of the Fine Arts Program of the PAOI, which will help fund, encourage and sponsor talented youth of the Orthodox faith in the various arts.

This special event "An Evening With A Star" will be held at Farragut House, the mansion of Don and Ljubica Kosich, located at Farragut Ave. in Piedmont from 6 PM to 8:30 PM, Monday June 5. Admission is \$45 per person. For reservations and information call Joy

Tamaras at (415) 681-1033 or the PAOI (510) 649-2450.

Poor Puppet Theatre Co. Presents Traditional Greek Shadow Theatre Production

Poor Puppet Theatre Company presents "Metamorphosis of the Karaghiozis" on June 24. It will be a luncheon and theatre show sponsored by The Ahepa Family of San Jose. For more information call, Desi Gallmeister (408) 257-7245 evenings or Connie Aretos (415) 964-5174 days.

SPORTS camp4kids

Evergreen Valley College and the Institute for Business and Community Development welcomes children ages 7-13 to its second year of **SPORTS camp4kids**. Each session includes nine days of fun filled activity. All activities are held in and around the gym and athletic field areas of the Evergreen campus. Camp is available in 3 two week sessions from 12:30 PM-4:30 PM. Session I June 26-July 6 Session II July 10-July 20 & Session III July 24-Aug. 3. Each session is \$119. For more information call (408) 437-2240 or pick up a flyer with the registration in the church hall.

St.Nicholas Annual San Jose Greek Festival.

St. Nicholas Church presents its annual Greek festival on June 2, 3 & 4 at the church grounds located at 1260 Davis Street San Jose. For more information call (408) 435-0585, (408) 371-1251 or stop by the church office.

Mission Chapel

Rancadore & Alameda

600 So. 2 nd. St.

San Jose, CA 95112

(408) 293-0073



Assistants: Joe Pappas and Angelo Lygizos

(The above advertisement helps defray the postage and paper expenses for St. Basil's bulletins.)

Portrait of a Mother

(Remember Mother on Mother's Day, May 14)

A mother can be almost any size or age, but she won't admit to anything over thirty. She has soft hands and smells good. A mother likes new dresses, music, a clean house, her children's kisses, an automatic washer, and Daddy.

A mother doesn't like having her children sick, muddy feet, temper tantrums, loud noise, or bad report cards. She can read a thermometer (much to the amazement of Daddy) and like magic, can kiss a hurt away. She can also bake good cakes and pies, but likes to see her children eat vegetables.

A mother can stuff a fat baby into a snowsuit in seconds and can kiss little faces and make them smile. She is underpaid, has long hours, and gets very little rest. She worries too much about her children. And no matter how old they are, she still likes to think of them as her little babies.

A mother is the guardian angel of the family, the queen, the tender hand of love. She is the best friend anyone ever has.

A mother is love.

--Author unknown

THE TURNIP

Grandfather planted a turnip. The time came to pick it. He took hold of it and pulled and pulled, but he couldn't pull it out. Grandfather called grandmother. Grandmother pulled grandfather, and grandfather pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled, but they couldn't pull it out. Then granddaughter came. The granddaughter pulled grandmother, she pulled grandpa, grandpa pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled, but couldn't pull it out. Then the puppy came. He pulled the granddaughter, she pulled grandma, grandma pulled grandpa, grandpa pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled, but they couldn't pull it out. Then a beetle came. The beetle pulled the puppy, the puppy pulled the granddaughter, she pulled grandma, grandma pulled grandpa, grandpa pulled the turnip, but they couldn't pull it out. Then a second beetle came. The second beetle pulled the first beetle, the first beetle pulled the puppy, the puppy pulled the granddaughter, she pulled grandma, grandma pulled grandpa and grandpa pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled but they couldn't pull it out. Then a third beetle came. The third beetle pulled the second beetle and the second beetle pulled the first beetle and the first beetle pulled the puppy.

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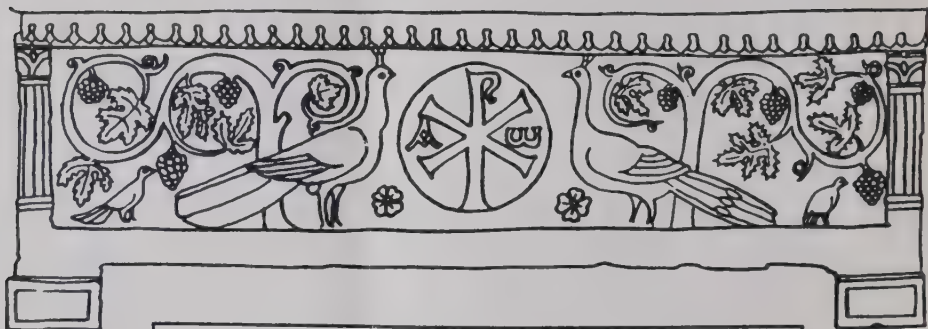
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CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Church School Program offers 15 consecutive years of religious instruction beginning with the Nursery and concluding with a class for high school students. We have a dedicated staff ready to provide their services in conveying the Orthodox Christian faith to our young people. Instruction and worship will be offered every Sunday morning. Please bring your children on time to Divine Liturgy as you do for all other important engagements. **Our Program begins September 26; registration will take place September 19 during coffee hour. You will be receiving information at your homes shortly. We look forward to seeing you all back in Church School!!!**

ATTENTION PARENTS: Your personal example and involvement in the religious education of your children are extremely important. The priest and teachers cannot do the job alone. Here is how you can help develop the spiritual life and moral upbringing of your children.

1. Bring them to Church on time
2. Stay and worship at the Divine Liturgy in the main Church
3. Be positive about Church.
4. Discuss with them what they learned each Sunday
5. Teach them to bring their weekly Stewardship Offering
6. Give your personal example of Christian living
7. Emphasize regular repentance and Holy Communion
8. Put Christ before every other activity on Sunday
9. Avoid criticism of others
10. Let your love for Our Lord Jesus Christ radiate

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it."
(Proverbs 22:6)*

There will be a meeting for Church School teachers and all those interested in teaching Church School on Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m., here at Church.

Please plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR AND EVENTS

September 1, Wednesday
Festival Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 2, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

September 5, Sunday
Discipleship, 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

September 6, Monday
Labor Day, Office Closed

September 7, Tuesday
Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

September 8, Wednesday
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:45 a.m.
Festival Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 9, Thursday
Sunday School Teacher's
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

September 10, Friday
FESTIVAL, 5-10 P.M.

September 11, Saturday
FESTIVAL, 11 A.M.-10 P.M.

September 12, Sunday
Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
FESTIVAL, 11 A.M.-8P.M.

September 14, Tuesday
EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 10:45 a.m.

September 15, Wednesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m./7:30 p.m.

September 16, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

September 19, Sunday
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

September 22, Wednesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m./7:30 p.m.

September 23, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

September 26, Sunday
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

September 27, Monday
SRO, Holy Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

September 29, Wednesday
Bible Study, 10:30 a.m./7:30 p.m.

September 30, Thursday
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thank You To St. Basil's
The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
National Orthodox Campus Ministry in
High Education Association wishes to
thank our Church of St. Basil's for its
donation to the National Campus
Program. "God has allowed us to share
something beautiful together."

ST. BASIL GREEK FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 10-12

You can help make this festival a huge success by giving of your time and talents during the festival and cash contributions to defray some of the cost of the event. A partial list of items to be purchased follows:

Paper goods	\$300	Cups	\$75
Charcoal	\$200	Garbage Cans (8)	\$80
Dishwashers (2)	\$500	Lighter Fluid	\$40
Banners (Installation)	\$200	Banners	\$200
Grounds Cleanup	\$320	Utensils	\$40
Advertisement	\$3,700	Seasoning	\$20
Children's Games	\$350	Flour, 750 lbs.	\$100
Children's Food Booth	\$350	Misc. Hardware	\$50
Coffee/tea	\$25	Hot Dogs	\$30
Ice	\$35	Syrup	\$25
Dunk Tank	\$125	Light Bulbs	\$50

The schedule for setup of the booths and facilities is **Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5**. We need your help. Plan to spend three-four hours with us to make the job easier for everyone. Help is also needed during the festival to man booths. See the sign-up sheet at Church, talk to an Event Chairperson, or call the Church Office at 268-3214. Our Church will be providing runners with fruit and juice at the completion of the Run/Walk. If you would like to underwrite this \$75 expense, please call the Church.

REMEMBER
THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL DEPENDS ON YOU!!!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE!!!!

Once again, Entertainment Books are available for you to purchase for discounts to movies, restaurants, airlines, amusement parks, etc. Our Church is selling these Entertainment Books for \$40.

We are also selling the Gold Circle young adult version for \$10. Discounts coupons are geared to young adults.

Look for the adult Entertainment Books in our **T-Shirt** booth at the Festival. Look for the Gold Circle young adult Entertainment Books in the **Kiddie Midway** booths.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

On Sunday, August 1, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young baptized their son, Aaron George.

On Saturday, August 28, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Meola baptized their daughter, Jeannette-Rose.

On Sunday, August 15, John Ross was newly chrismated into our faith.

On Sunday, August 29, Mr. and Mrs. George Kyrias baptized their son, Thomas.

On Sunday, September 19, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Samios will baptize their child.

May they walk in the path of righteousness forever!

MEMORIALS

On August 29, a Memorial Service was held for Athena Lofaro's mother, Stavroula Derdivanis, forty days; her father, Napoleon Derdivanis, 22 years; and her sister, Mary Miller, 21 year.

May their memories be eternal!

WEDDINGS

On Saturday, August 28, Phil Tsakaridis and Shirley Zirkel were joined in holy matrimony.

On Sunday, September 26, Georgia Alevizos and John Ross will be joined in holy matrimony.

May God grant everything pleasing to them!

Prosforo Making Schedule

September 5 Panagiota Galas
September 12 Frances Karamanos
September 19 Vaseleke Kouretas
September 26 Kyratso Pappas

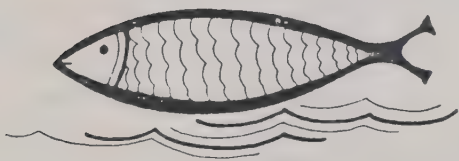
Duty Team Schedule

Sept. 5 John Nikas
Mark Judge
Greg Krantz

Sept. 12 George Pettis
Dennis Thomatos
John Monolakis

Sept. 19 Gust Fotis
Saad Doss
Maria Anagnostos

Sept. 26 Demetris Paraskevopoulos
Stephanie Krieger
Elaine Peponis



Altar Boy Schedule

Sept. 5/26	Chris Karanastasis* Soterios Karanastasis Peter Krekos	Sept. 12	Mike Bolaris* Pete Kelepouris Danny Kelepouris
Sept. 19	Christian Sacoolas* Angelo Lanham Justin Sacoolas		

*Captains, all Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:20 a.m.

George Galas and Ninos Oshaana, Coordinators

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			BEGIN IN ECCLESIASTES APX Epistle: Gospel:
13 th SUN. OF MATTHEW KYPIAKH IΓ MATΘAIOY Discipleship 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Zacharias & Elizabeth Epistle: 1Cor. 16:13-24 Gospel: Mat. 21:33-42 5	Daily Readings Epistle: 2Cor. 12:10-19 Gospel: Mk 4:10-23 LABOR DAY (Church Office Closed) 6	Daily Readings Epistle: 2Cor. 12:20-13:2 Gospel: Mk 4:24-34 Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7	NATIVITY THE GENEZION Divine Li Epistle: Gospel: I Bible Stu
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. FESTIVAL 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Everyone Invited 12	Daily Readings Epistle: Heb. 3:1-4 Gospel: Mt. 16:13-19 St. Cornelios The Centurion 13	EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS ΥΨΩΣΙΣ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. ΑΠΟΣΤ. Α Κορ. 1:18-24 Ευαγγ. Ιω. 19:6-11, 13-20 Bible Study 10:45 a.m. 14	Dail Epistle: Gospel: Bib 10:30 a. OUTLINE PRE
SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS KYPIAKH META ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΙΝ Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 19	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17 Gospel: Lk. 21:12-19 Ss. Eustathios, His Wife, and two of His Children 20	Daily Readings Epistle: Gal. 5:11-21 Gospel: Lk. 3:23-4:1 Kodratos The Apostle Jonah The Prophet 21	Dail Epistle: Gospel: Bib 10:30 a.m. STUDY ACTS
FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE ΜΕΤΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΥ Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Epistle: 1Jn. 4:12-19 Gospel: Jn. 19:25-27 26	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph. 1:22-2:3 Gospel: Lk 5:1-11 Callistratos The Martyr ΚΑΛΛΙΣΤΡΑΤΟΥ ΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΩΝ ΣΩΝ ΑΥΤΩ SRO Holy Trinity 7:30 27	Daily Readings Epistle: Eph. 2:12-3:7 Gospel: Lk. 5:12-16 Chariton The Righteous Baruch The Prophet 28	Dail Epistle: Gospel: Bib 10:30 a.m. STUDY (Con



ALMADEN VALLEY GREEK FESTIVAL 10K AND 2 MILE RUN/WALK

INFORMATION: Athletic Performance, 55 West Main Street,
Los Gatos, 354-7365

PLACE: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 6430 Bose Lane
(Off Camden near Almaden Expressway)

TIME: 9 a.m.

DATE: Sunday, September 12, 1993

Pre-registration \$15, Race Day \$20 (Includes T-shirt)

Ribbons and Awards. Free Admission to Greek Festival

Flat and Fast Paved Road Through Almaden Valley

MAP:



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ENTRY FORM

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DIVISION (check one):

☐ High School (under 18)☐ Open (18-29)

30-39

40-49

50-59

☐ Over 60

In consideration of myself, my child's, or my ward's entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors and the officials, while traveling to and from the event and participating in said event, or its or their respective officers, agents, representatives, successors and/or assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me, my child, or my ward at this event.

Date _____

Signed

(Participant, Parent, or Guardian)

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OF THE OKOS ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ 7:30 a.m. 1:25-11 10:38-42 1:45 a.m. 8	Daily Readings Epistle: Gal. 4:22-27 Gospel: Lk. 8:16-21 Ss. Joachim & Anna <i>IQKEIM KAI ANNHE</i> Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Reh., 7:30 p.m. 9	Daily Readings Epistle: Gal. 2:6-10 Gospel: Jn. 3:16-21 FESTIVAL 5:00-10:00 p.m. 10	St. Basil's FESTIVAL 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Everyone Invited 11
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The Child from Oakland--The Bridge With a Hole

In the county of Alameda, in the city of Oakland, California, a small tired child was walking behind his father and a relative. It appeared that the father had forgotten all about the child when he was showing his relative the fields and trees.

As they were walking, they reached a deep ditch. The two grownups jumped over the ditch with no problem. However, it was not easy for the child; his little eyes were measuring the width of the ditch. By the look in his eyes, it appeared that he needed help; and he asked it by the expression on his face, as if he were to say, "Daddy, my legs are too short; I won't be able to pass, help me."

At that point, he needed help right away.

A lot of times, my beloved, in our lives we have a situation or problem that is too big or seems too complex for us to handle. How nice it is to know that at those times we have "the blessings from above" ready to pick us up and carry us over to the other side of the ditch which we would not have been able to pass on our own! It is the Heavenly Father. Our Heavenly Father is always prepared and ready to help us; however, we must be prepared and ready to ask for His help. For He has said, "I desire to be Your Father and you to be My Children."

It is wonderful, children, the moral of the story about how the young two-year-old boy went to cross a bridge with two boards missing. There was an Angel sent by God without the child's knowing. The Angel ran quickly and right away and snatched the child to cross at another crossing. May an Angel of the Lord give you aid to cross difficult passages in life as you call upon His Holy Name.

Love

*Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous;
love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly;
it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails...*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

IS THE LORD'S DAY BEING STOLEN FROM CHRISTIANS?

Once upon a time--recent enough for most of us to remember--Sunday was regarded all over America as the Lord's Day. Even if you were not a Christian or not particularly religious, you noticed something different about Sundays. Stores would be closed; schools, offices, and factories would be empty and silent. Then, slowly but radically, things began to change. The "blue laws" of states that observed Sunday closings were challenged in the courts and erased from the statute books. The argument ran, "This is a pluralistic society, and it is wrong for one segment of society (Christians) to impose its beliefs and practices on the other segments. So began the legal process, inevitable in a free and diverse society like our own, that will end, undoubtedly, in making Sunday no different from any other day of the week."

This victory for pluralism (not to mention capitalistic greed), however, has created a whole host of problems for Christians who still seek to honor the Lord's Day. Most stores are now open on Sunday and demand salespeople to serve their patrons. More and more offices, factories, and other businesses are making Sunday just another opportunity for commerce and trade. In order to compete, many businesses that may not have wanted to open on Sunday are now forced to do so. As a result, Christians are being told, "Word on Sunday or lose your job."

As bad as it may be for adults, our children are frequently called upon to bear the brunt of changed attitudes toward the Lord's Day. Schools, recreation programs, and related activities have followed the lead of business and industry in scheduling more and more Sunday events. How do you tell a 12-year old that she cannot perform the ballet number she has been practicing for six months because the competition has been scheduled for Sunday morning? (We did but it was not easy.) Or what do you say to a little leaguer who has been told, "You are to play on Sunday morning or you are off the team"?

Large numbers of Christians have adapted to these circumstances by doing what we Christians often do best: buckling under. "So we will miss Sunday School and Church just this week, but next week we'll be back." And so it may be. But appeasement of those who are taking our Sundays away from us will probably only increase the demands. And, lost somewhere in all of that is the concept we took so long for granted, that Sunday is the Lord's Day.

Today it takes real courage to say, "Sunday is my day of worship; my family and I will be in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day." To say that is not to say that we wish to impose our beliefs and practices on Jews, Moslems, atheists, or anyone who does not choose to call Sunday the Lord's Day. We are simply asking for the right to worship as we choose, free from threats to our jobs or the coercion of our children. And is that not what America is all about?

Bill Palmer



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Philoptochos Retreat At The Ranch

The Philoptochos of the Diocese of San Francisco Presents The Fourth Annual Retreat for Women at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center October 15-17. Your retreat master is Fr. John Bakas. The theme is "Seven Habits of Highly Spiritual People." The cost is \$115/person. Pick up a registration form in the Church Hall.

Angela Mouroufas Memorial Scholarship

The Angela Mouroufas Memorial Scholarship is once again available to students with superior academic performance. The scholarship is for \$2,000. Applicants must be candidates for admission to colleges and universities at either undergraduate or graduate level. The deadline date for filing the completed form is October 1. Please call Church for a copy of the form.

Pan-Orthodox Conference on Religious Education

On Saturday, September 18, beginning at 9 a.m., at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, a religious education conference will be held. The cost is \$10 including lunch. The theme is "Can't Control the Winds? Control the Sails!" Reserve a seat by September 10. Pick up a registration form in the Church Hall.

Starting Over (Bill Medley Seminars)

A twelve-week seminar for anyone who has suffered a broken relationship and for those seeking how to have a healthy one will begin Wednesday, September 22, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The seminar ends December 15. Call Bill Peponis at 345-1561 or 358-2054 or Bill Medley at 1-800-439-1715.

Dinner Honoring Reverend Dr. Leonidas Contos

The Board of Directors and the Members of DYNAMIS request the pleasure of your participation at a Gala Celebration dinner dance honoring the life, work, and accomplishments of The Very Reverend Dr. Leonidas C. Contos on September 25, 1993, at the St. Francis Hotel in the Grand Ballroom, Union Square, San Francisco. A reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by "The Contosbury Tale," a unique musical program created for this special event at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the testimonial will establish The Very Reverend Dr. Leonidas C. Contos Fellowship at the Patriarchal Institute of the Graduate Theological Union. This is the first in a series of testimonials honoring special individuals of Greek descent. The cost is \$125 each. For information and reservations, please call (510) 649-2450.

Greek Festivals

September 4-6

St. John The Baptist, Salinas
Holy Cross, Belmont
Annunciation, Sacramento

September 10-12

The Saint Prophet Elias, Santa Cruz
Ours, Of Course!!!

September 17-19

Sts. Constantine & Helen, Vallejo

St. Phanourios

One day, in the 14th century, a group of Arabs were pillaging the island of Rhodes and were scavenging the treasures they found at the ruins of an ancient church. From a distance, several monks who were hiding watched as the bandits tossed the icons they had found to the side, and then gathered up whatever else interested them. The monks had immediately noticed that one of these icons was different from the rest. Once the invaders had left the area, the monks examined the icon carefully. They had never seen it before, nor could they understand how it could be in such perfect condition amidst all the rubble. Unlike the others, this icon was freshly painted as if it had been created that day. All the others were quite old and disintegrating. The monks realized that this icon had been divinely revealed.

The icon was of a young man named Phanourios who was dressed as a soldier, holding a cross in his right hand. Drawn about his figure were twelve detailed depictions of Phanourios enduring different forms of torture. The iconographer had most probably witnessed these horrible sufferings. Obviously, Phanourios had been able to survive all these cruelties, making him a blessed and powerful instrument of God. Details of the date of his martyrdom or any specifics of his life were not evident from his icon, and, unfortunately, historical documentation of his life and martyrdom could not be found in any Church archives. However, Phanourios was proclaimed a Saint due to the miraculous appearance of his icon and the story that it told, and a cathedral was built in his honor. St. Phanourios is celebrated on August 27, the day his icon was found. The Lord had decided that the knowledge of Phanourios's heroism and victorious faith be made known to us, and so Phanourios reached out to us through time. Lost for centuries, Phanourios has become the Patron Saint of lost things.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT PHANOURIOS: On earth your heavenly stature is celebrated brightly. Earthly feasts are now joyfully celebrated as legions of angels from above sing praises of your great feats, to the Church below, of the heavenly glory of these pains and miseries that you have endured, O glorious Phanourios.

ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝ ΕΝΑΝΤΙ ΤΩΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΩΝ

Η συνταρακτική πτώσις του κομμουνιστικού αθεϊστικού καθεστώτος εις την ανατολικήν Ευρώπην απέδωκεν εις τὰς ὀρθόδοξους Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ πρώην Παραπετάσματος τὴν ἐλευθερίαν. Ὑπῆρξε τούτο μέγα γεγονός. Γεγονὸς χαράς καὶ ἀγαλλιάσεως καὶ ἀφορμὴ πολλῆς εὐχαριστίας καὶ εὐγνώμονος δοξολογίας πρὸς τὸν παντοδύναμον Κύριον. Ἐφάνη διὰ μίαν ἀκόμῃ φορὰν ἡ δύναμις Του καὶ ἡ ὑπ' Αὐτοῦ διακυβέρνησις τῶν ἐθνῶν καὶ τῶν λαῶν.

Ἡ ἐλευθερία, ποῦ ἐδόθη εἰς τοὺς ὀρθόδοξους λαούς, ἐφανερώσε καὶ τὴν πίστιν τῶν εἰς τὸν Χριστὸν καὶ τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν Του κατὰ τρόπον πανηγυρικόν. Διότι πλήθῃ πολλὰ προσέρχονται πλέον εἰς τοὺς κόλπους τῆς Ἐκκλησίας καὶ ζητοῦν εἰς αὐτὴν τὸ στήριγμα καὶ τὴν ἐλπίδα τῆς ζωῆς τῶν. Ὅμως τὸ ἀπότο-

ἀντιμετωπίζουν προβλήματα καὶ δυσκολίας. Τόσον ἐσωτερικάς, ἐκ τῆς ἐλλείψεως τῶν ἀναγκαίων ἱερέων, ἀναλόγων ναῶν, ἐκκλησιαστικῶν βιβλίων, κατηχητῶν διὰ τὴν κατήχησιν τῶν νέων πιστῶν, πνευματικῶν καὶ οἰκοδομητικῶν βιβλίων διὰ τὸν λαόν. Ἀκόμῃ καὶ ἱερῶν σκευῶν διὰ τὴν λατρείαν, ὅπως καὶ θυμιάματος, νόματος διὰ τὴν θείαν Λειτουργίαν, ἀμφίων, κεριῶν κλπ. Πολλὰ μὲν τῆς καταρρέψεως τοῦ κομμουνισμοῦ καὶ ἡ ἀλλαγὴ ποῦ ἐπῆλθε, φυσικὸν εἶναι νὰ ἀκολουθοῦνται ἀπὸ δυσκολίας. Καὶ εἶναι γεγονὸς ὅτι σήμερον αἱ ὀρθόδοξοι Ἐκκλησίαι τοῦ πρώην Παραπετάσματος περνοῦν καταστάσεις μὲ πληθὺς ἐμπόδια. Αἱ Ἐκκλησίαι τῆς Ρωσίας, τῆς Οὐκρανίας, τῆς Γεωργίας, τῆς Ρουμανίας, τῆς Βουλγαρίας, τῆς Ἀλβανίας, τῆς Τσεχοσλοβακίας, τῆς Σερβίας

ἐξ αὐτῶν εἶναι πολὺ πτωχαὶ καὶ δὲ ἡμποροῦν νὰ ἀνταποκριθῶν εἰς τὰ ἀναγκαῖα ἐξοδα λειτουργίας τῶν. Εἰς ὠρισμένας αὐτὴ ἡ θεία λειτουργία τελεῖται εἰς τὸ ὑπαίθριον!

Ἀντιμετωπίζουν ὅμως καὶ ἐξωτερικοὺς ἐχθρούς. Ἐξέλειπεν ὁ διώκτης κομμουνισμός, ἐπέπεσαν ὅμως ἐναντίον τῶν τῶρα μὲ τὴν ἐλευθερίαν οἱ αἰρετικοί. Ὁ Παπισμός μὲ τὴν Οὐνιαν, οἱ Προτεστάνται μὲ τὸν ὀρμαθὸν τῶν ἀρεσέων τῶν, καὶ αὐταὶ αἱ ἀνατολικὴ ὀρθόδοξοι μὲ τοὺς γκουρού τῶν. Καὶ εἶναι αἱ ὀρθόδοξοι αὐταὶ Ἐκκλησίαι ἀγωνίζονται διπλοῦν ἀγῶνα τῶρα.

Ἄλλ' ὅπως πάντοτε, **ΙΗΣΟΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΕ ΝΙΚΑ!** Ὅσον πολλαὶ καὶ ἂν εἶναι αἱ δυσκολίαι, ὅσον ἀναιδεῖς καὶ τραχεῖς αἱ εἶναι οἱ αἰρετικοί, αἱ Ἐκκλησίαι προχωροῦν. Ἀγωνίζονται καὶ νικοῦν.



Prosforo Making Schedule

Sept. 3	Nitsa Sialaris
Sept. 10	Despina Anagnostos
Sept. 17	Marcella Fotis
Sept. 24	Roula Cayavidis

Duty Team Schedule

Sept. 3	George Elliott George Pettis Dennis Thomatos John Monolakis George Nitis
Sept. 10	John Kasnestis Mike Wilson Gust Fotis Maria Anagnostos Cleo Constantine
Sept. 17	Demetris Parasekvopoulos Stephanie Krieger John Krieger Gus Hazifotis Lena Xydes
Sept. 24	Tony Pettis Joann Davison Maria Fischer

Altar Boy Schedule

Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24
<u>Team III</u>	<u>Team IV</u>	<u>Team I</u>	<u>Team II</u>
Peter Kelepouris	Bobby Papadatos	Michael Bolaris	Christopher Judge
Danny Kelepouris	Brian Pettis	Greg Fischer	Sean Judge
Angelo Lanham		Peter Krekos	George Nijmeh

* All Altar Boys should arrive no later than 9:15 a.m.

*Coordinators: Ninos Oshaana (266-5854)
& Michael Bolaris (799-0094)
Assistant: Peter Kelepouris*



GREEK FESTIVAL '95

The Greek Festival is Coming!!

September 1, 2, 3, & 4

**We need YOUR help in making
the Festival a success*

**There are jobs for every parishioner*

**Let's make this the best Festival ever!*

**Help us present the newly remodeled church to the community.*

Happy September Birthday:

Nancy Armany
George Elliott
Maria Jacob
Vasili Kyriakopoulos
Fabio Pettinati
Lena Xydes

Happy September Anniversary:

Louis & Andrea Chelemengos

St. Basil Reconfiguration Fund

Dear Parishioners,

You Caught the Spirit!

The work of **GOD** is evident as I look and marvel at the construction now in progress at St. Basil. It is definitely work guided from above and only implemented by us humans. There is no other explanation for the Spirit that dwells at this House of the Lord. The support for your elected leadership and Priest together with your generosity made the reconfiguration of the St. Basil's facilities possible. This effort is only possible because of this partnership and unity. Hold on to this *spirit of love* and protect it. For Love, if not nurtured and permitted to grow is fleeting and lost forever.

I expected this reconfiguration to have a positive impact on the Parish, but it has exceeded my expectation.

We are a family again!

We are looking to the future and we are working together!

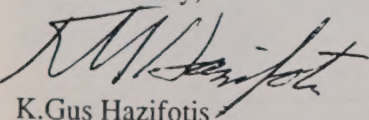
For those on the sidelines, please join this spiritual awakening. Bring your enthusiasm and renew the love and blessings the Church has to offer. Don't waste time on the negative or petty differences. Concentrate on love and healing. Your Church is calling you...please answer.

We need approximately \$10,000 to complete the task authorized by the General Assembly..." *Thy will be done!* "

Your gifts are providing the facilities for the parish to meet the community spiritual needs. Remember that we have donors who have offered to match your contributions up to \$15,000. There is \$10,000 remaining in matching funds.

We are proud of our parish and appreciate your generosity. You have our most heartfelt thanks.

Most sincerely,



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(The above advertisement helps defray the postage and paper expenses for St. Basil's bulletins.)

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS



On Monday July 3, 1995 Mark & Ivy Daley baptized their daughter Chrysanna. The Godmother is Elizabeth Bairera, the sister of Ivy. The Godfather is Basil Daher.

On Wednesday, July 5, Chrysanna Daly will be baptized. Proud parents are Mark and Ivy.

In July or August, Lydia Chelemengos will be baptized. Proud parents are Louis and Andrea.

May they walk in the path of righteousness forever!

MEMORIALS

On Sunday, July 9, a Three Year Memorial Service was chanted for Vasilios Perivoliotis, the beloved husband of Sophia and father of Georgia and Effie.

A Three Year Memorial Service was chanted for Ekaterina, the beloved daughter of Sophia and sister of Georgia and Effie.

On Sunday, July 23, a Four Year Memorial Service was chanted for Harry Karthas, the beloved husband of Sophie and beloved father of Daniel, David, Anna and Patricia.

On Sunday, July 23, a One Year Memorial Service was chanted for Pamela Hazifotis, the beloved wife of Gus and beloved mother of Nikki. A luncheon was served in her honor after Divine Liturgy.

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